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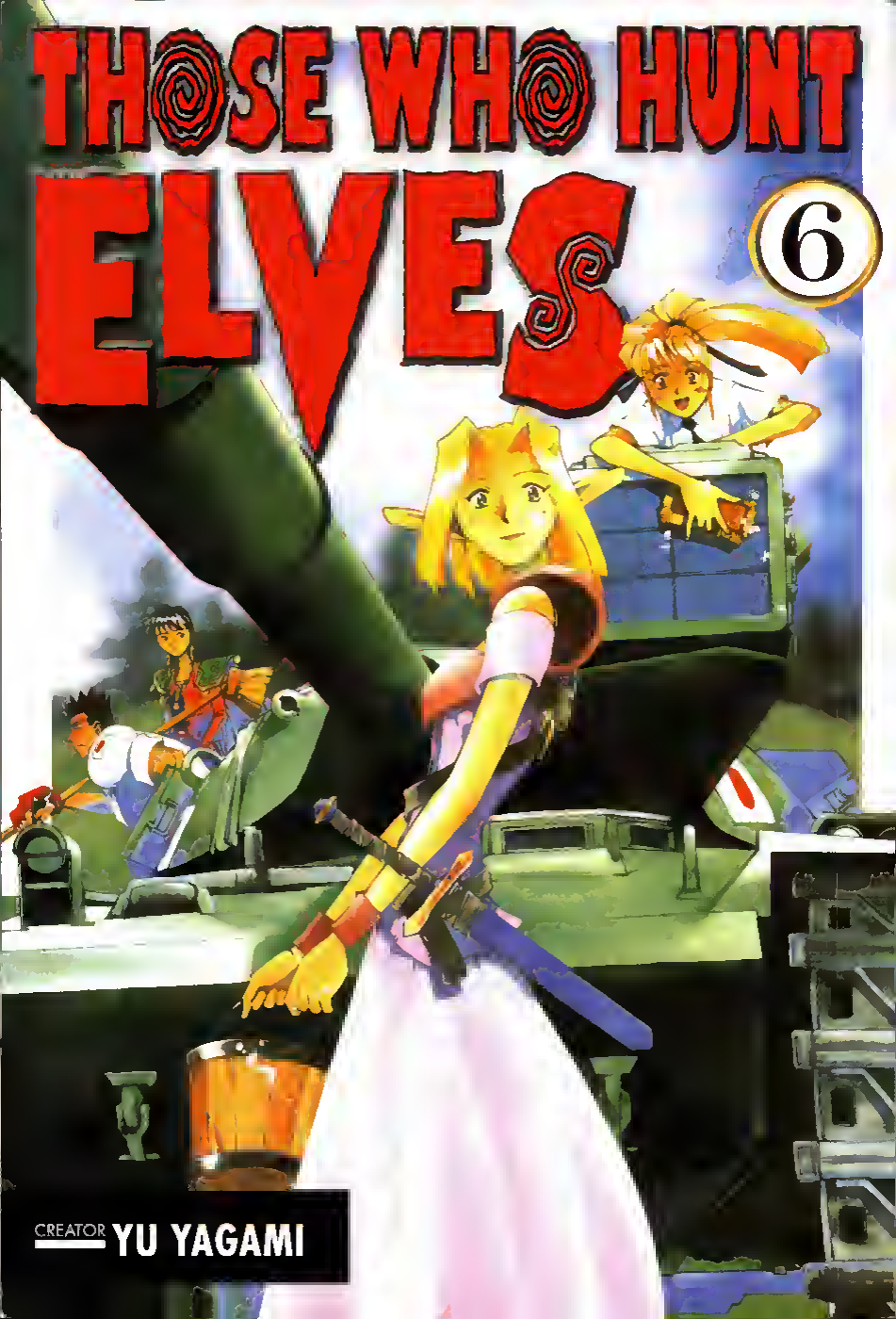

CREATOR YU YAGAMI

That madcap gang ef elf hunters is back and more determined than ever to disrebe every elf whe cresses their path! Desperate to return te their hemeland and craving e little curry, Junpei and his fellow fighters will find themselves in yet another sticky situation—they must battle none ether than the evil Madame Grandbelle. it's a fight to free this foreign world frem a power-hungry cenqueror, but can a group of elf-hunting adventurers and their elf-turned-panda bear-friend/teur guide save the day? They're taking en more then a few elves and their eut-ef-control adventure becomes even mere outrageous with every retrieved spell fragment!

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Those Who Hunt Elves

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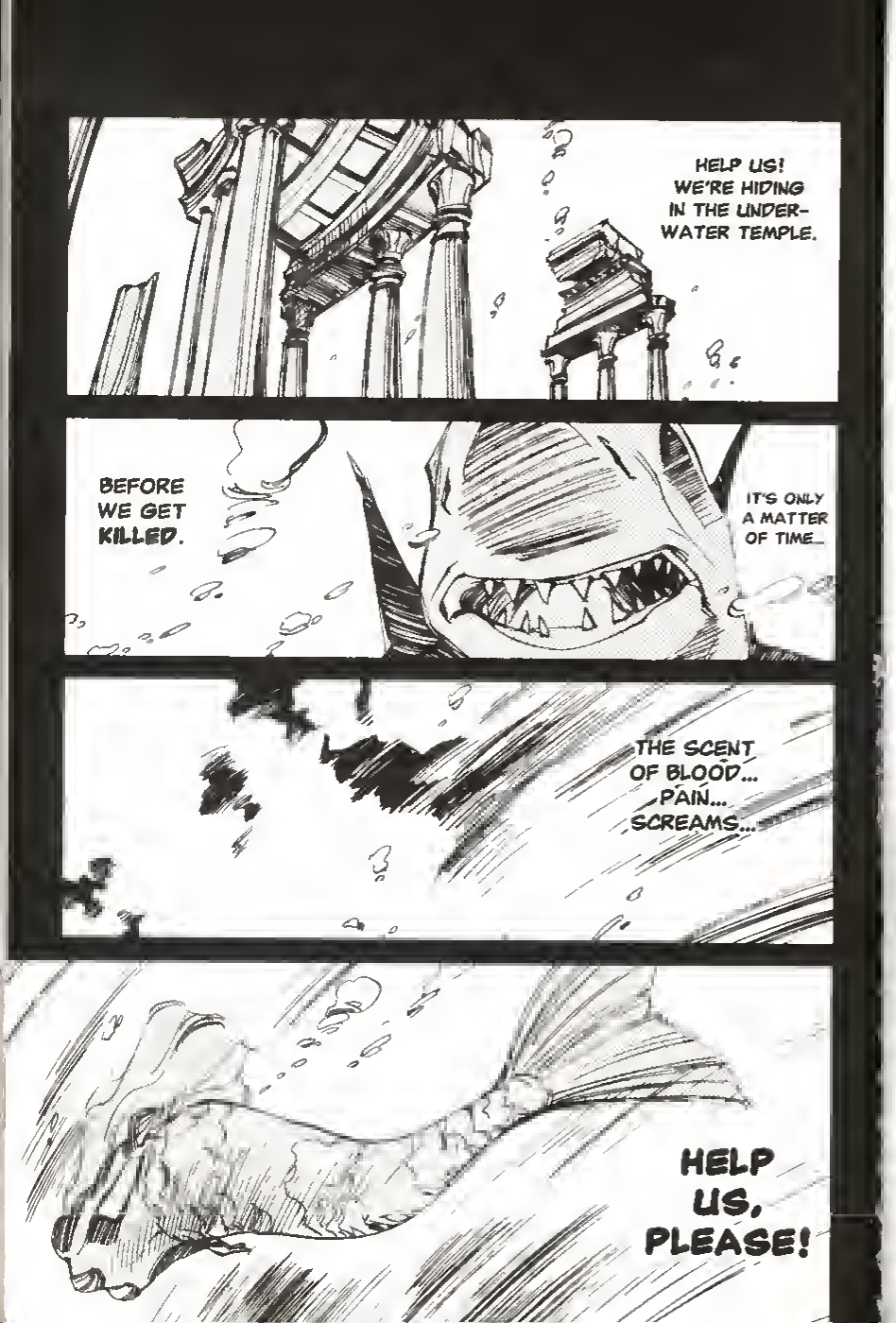
The Story So Far...

THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES

When a summoning spell goes awry, an actress, a martial arts expert and a military specialist become trapped in a magical world of sorcery and spells. They must roam this foreign land, searching for the wily elves who carry the fragments of the spell upon their lovely, naked skin, but along the way, they meet with misfortunes galore. Celcia, the disaster-prone elf, spends some time as a mustached dog, Junpei and Ritsuko switch bodies long enough to fight some bad guys, and an old acquaintance gets away with their meager supply of retrieved spell fragments. But our motley crew of summoners and strangers are notorious for standing up to the impossible, and after winning an obscene amount of gold in a museum management contest, they set out to free themselves and their elven neighbors from the strong arm of the wicked Madame Granbelle. With a hodgepodge of sorcery and drop kicks, the nefarious leader is extinguished, but success is short lived—Celcia manages to lose the summoning spell yet again. Oh well! Looks like returning home will take a little more time and a whole lot of elf-stripping!


HELP US! WE'RE HIDING IN THE UNDER-WATER TEMPLE.
BEFORE WE GET KILLED.
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME...
THE SCENT OF BLOOD... PAIN... SCREAMS...
HELP US, PLEASE!

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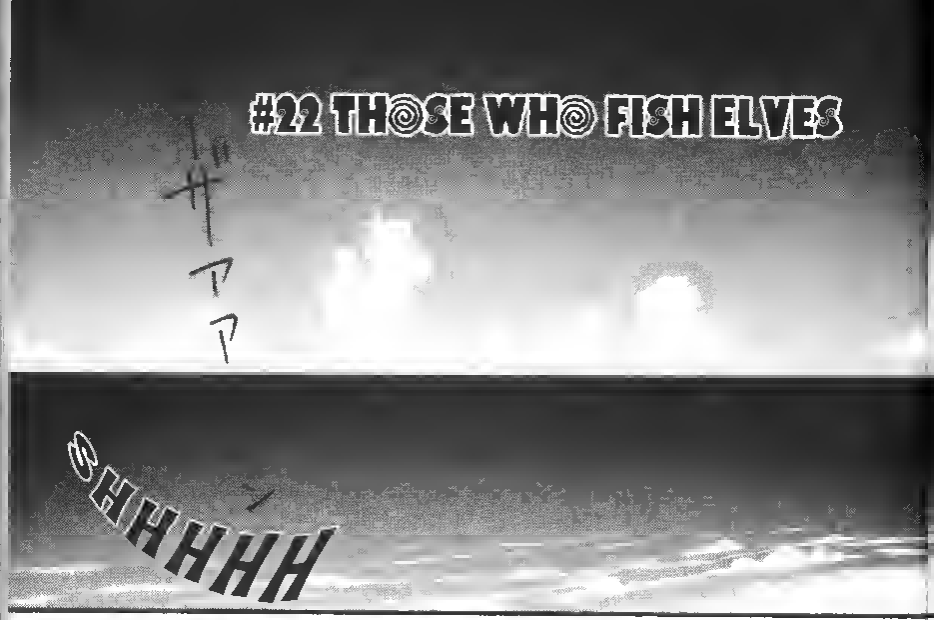
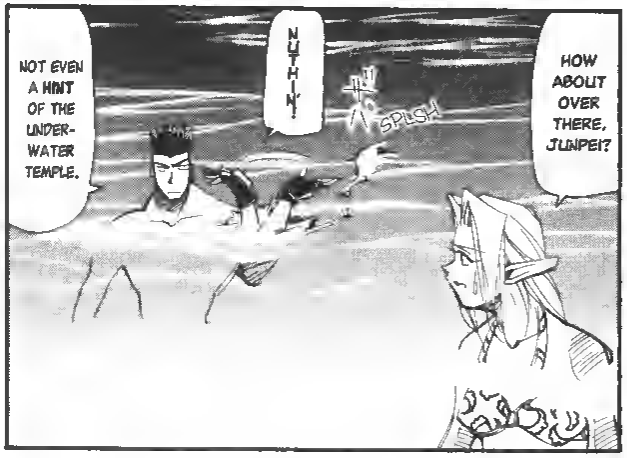
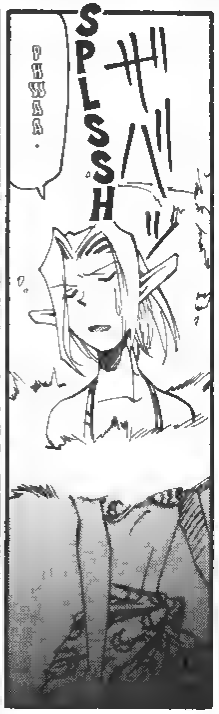
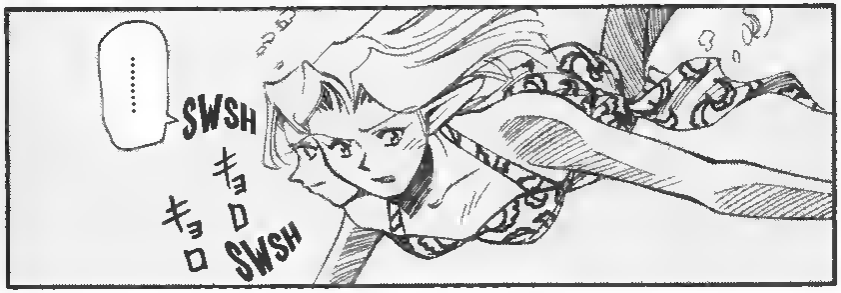








AIRI!
YEAH. I TALKED TO A LOT OF FISHERMEN, AND...
DID YOU GET ANY NEW IN-FORMATION?
SPLSH
WELCOME BACK!
SWSSHH
SPLSH
IT LOOKS LIKE THE UNDERWATER TEMPLE IS REAL, AND WE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND IT!
Y'KNOW WHAT?
SWSSHHH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

BUT IT WAS SO REAL.
SPLSH
Y'KNOW CELCIA,
YOU ONLY SAW THESE "MERMAID ELVES" IN A DREAM, RIGHT?
AND I HAD THE SAME DREAM FOR THREE NIGHTS IN A ROW!
I COULD ACTUALLY FEEL THEIR PAIN AND SUFFERING.
HERE'S TO GETTIN' BACK HOME!
SPLASH
GUESS I'LL LOOK A BIT FURTHER OUT.
THANKS.
HMM.
WELL, THEY ARE ELVES, AND THEY MIGHT HAVE THE SPELL FRAGMENTS.
COME ON, EVERYONE! WE'RE MOVING!

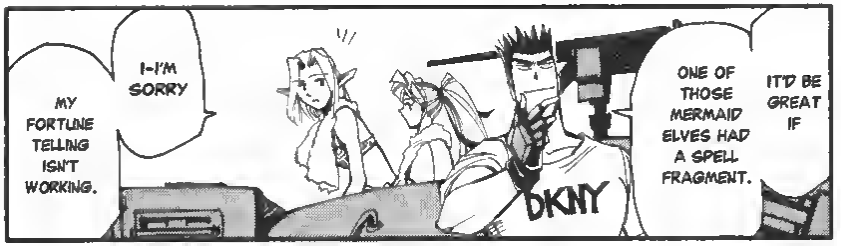
SALTWATER FISHING PARK
WELCOME TO SALTWATER FISHING PARK. PLEASE ENJOY YOUR VISIT.

.....
AIRI, ARE YOU SERIOUS?
SALTWATER FISHING PARK?!

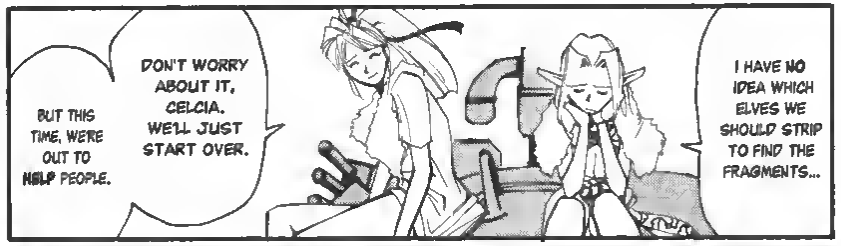
SO PLEASE, BE SURE THAT YOU'RE AWARE OF THESE RULES.
WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE THE MOST STRINGENT FISHING REGULATIONS IN THE WORLD AT OUR PARK.

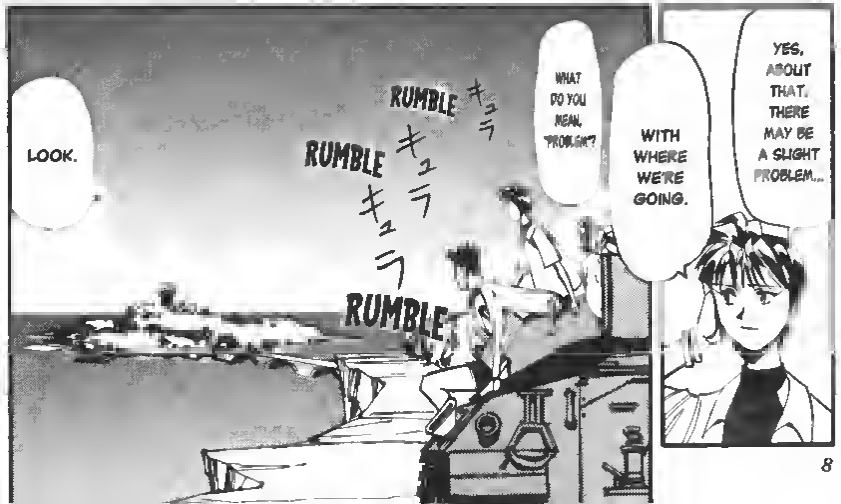
FLAP
FLAP
HEH HEH HEH. WITH THIS MAGICAL CASTING NET, I'LL GET A HUGE HAUL!

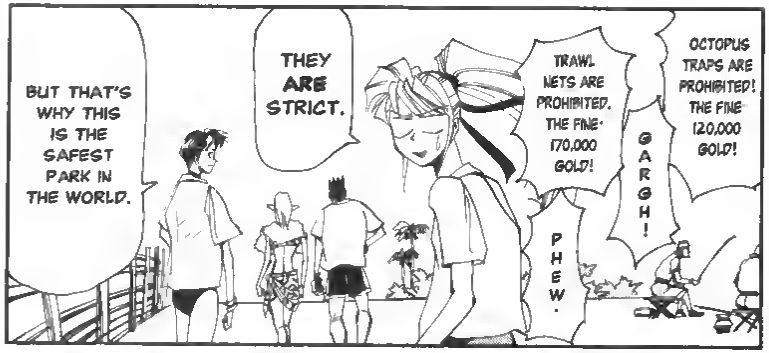
SPLSH
SPLSH
SPLSH


I-I'M SORRY
MY FORTUNE TELLING ISN'T WORKING.
ONE OF THOSE MERMAID ELVES HAD A SPELL FRAGMENT.
IT'D BE GREAT IF

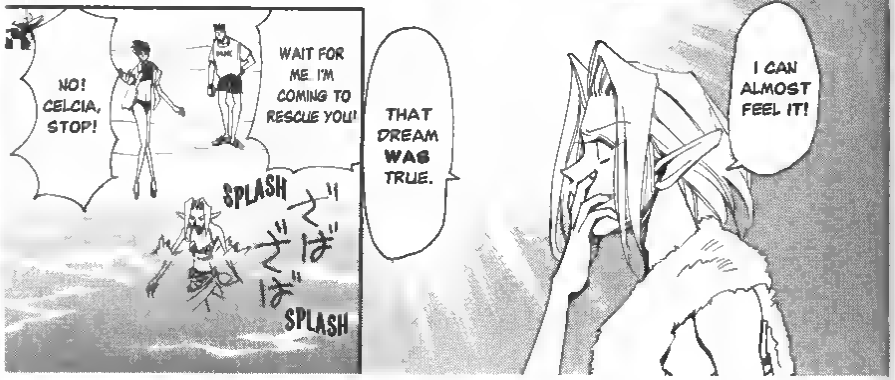
ALL-NEW SPELL FRAGMENT
THE OLD METHOD OF DETECTING THEM STOPPED WORKING.
IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN THE SPELL FRAGMENTS WERE CHANGED.


BUT THIS TIME, WE'RE OUT TO HELP PEOPLE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, CELCIA. WE'LL JUST START OVER.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHICH ELVES WE SHOULD STRIP TO FIND THE FRAGMENTS...


LOOK.
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "PROBLEM"?
WITH WHERE WE'RE GOING.
YES, ABOUT THAT, THERE MAY BE A SLIGHT PROBLEM...


BUT THAT'S WHY THIS IS THE SAFEST PARK IN THE WORLD.
THEY ARE STRICT.
TRAWL NETS ARE PROHIBITED. THE FINE: 170,000 GOLD!
PHEW.
GARGH!
OCTOPUS TRAPS ARE PROHIBITED! THE FINE: 120,000 GOLD!

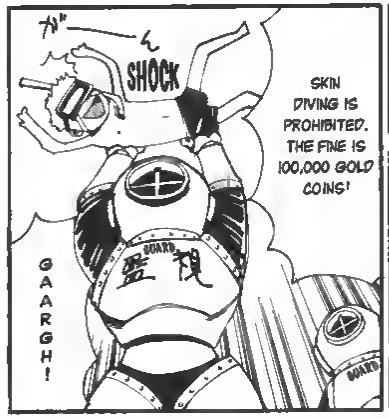
AT THE WESTERN END OF THE PARK IS PEARL BEACH.
THAT'S THE CLOSEST POINT TO THE UNDERWATER TEMPLE.
SWSSHHH

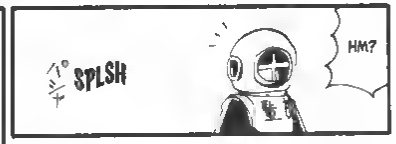

NO! CELCIA, STOP!
WAIT FOR ME. I'M COMING TO RESCUE YOU!
SPLASH
SPLASH
THAT DREAM WAS TRUE.
I CAN ALMOST FEEL IT!

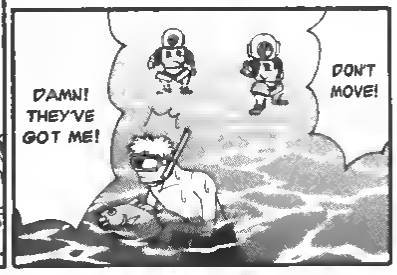
HOW DARE YOU USE A CASTING NET AT A FISHING PARK?!
K-SHANG
OH, NO.
YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M SORRY!

WAAAA! A GUARD!
YOU THERE! YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE!
GUARD
SPLSSH

HYAA
SWP
YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW PROHIBITING THE USE OF MAGICAL CASTING NETS. THE FINE IS 80,000 GOLD COINS!


SHOCK
SKIN DIVING IS PROHIBITED. THE FINE IS 100,000 GOLD COINS!
GAARGH!


SPLSH
HM?

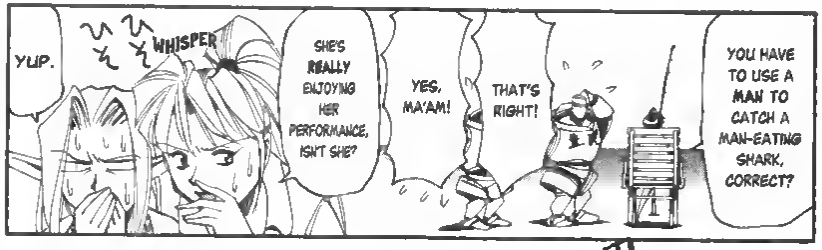

DAMN! THEY'VE GOT ME!
DON'T MOVE!

THE ONLY WAY IS TO FISH THE UNDERWATER TEMPLE.
HIC
WHAT?
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
LIVE BAIT? YOU MEAN, LIKE, LITTLE LIVING FISHIES?
JUST LISTEN. MY IDEA IS TO USE LIVE BAIT!
THE TEMPLE IS NOT A FISH!
HOLD IT, AIRI.
HUH? JUST ONE SET, THE ONE I BROUGHT.
DKNY
HOW MUCH FISHING GEAR DO WE HAVE?
DKNY
AND I HAVE A BIG FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU...
WELL, YOU'RE THE BEST SWIMMER.

WHAT?! ISN'T THAT A LITTLE HARSH?
THE FINE IS 100,000 GOLD!
THIS IS COMING OUT OF YOUR POCKET, CELCIA!
GEH!
CLUNKED
SPLORSH
SKIN-DIVING IS PRO-HIBITED!
THAT'S DEFINITELY A CRIME! THE FINE WOULD BE ASTRO-NOMICAL!
HMPH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
HOW ABOUT FORCING OUR WAY IN WITH A SECRET KARATE TECHNIQUE?!
DKNY
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET UNDER WATER?
SWSSHHH
SWSSHHH
AT THIS POINT...
WHAT DO WE DO, AIRI?

HEY, HE'S IGNORING US!
SPLASH
HMPH
?!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.
YEAH!
PLOP
LET'S GET HIM!
SPLASH
GUARD
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, DISTURBING ME WHILE I'M FISHING.
WHAT?
THAT IS MY BAIT.
ISN'T HE YOUR FRIEND?
BUT THAT GUY'S..

NOT AGAIN.
THIS PARK ISN'T FOR SWIMMING!
HM?
I'M SORRY, JUNPEI.
AIR!...
DROOL
OOOOHH
うおおおお
I, JUNPEI THE GENIUS, SHALL ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION!
NO NEED TO WORRY!
PHEW.
THIS TEMPLE THING AIN'T SO EASY TO FIND.
SPLASH
!
SWSSHHH
YOU THERE! THAT'S A FINE OF 100,000 GOLD COINS!


YUP.
WHISPER
SHE'S REALLY ENJOYING HER PERFORMANCE, ISN'T SHE?
YES, MA'AM!
THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU HAVE TO USE A MAN TO CATCH A MAN-EATING SHARK, CORRECT?

NOW WE WAIT FOR JUNPEI TO FIND THE UNDERWATER TEMPLE!
NICE PERFORMANCE! YOU REALLY ARE AN OSCAR-WINNING ACTRESS!
BYE!
NO, MA'AM! SORRY TO DISTURB YOU!
ZING
PHEW!

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GLARE!
ARE YOU TELLING ME...
THERE'S A RULE HERE AGAINST USING A MAN AS BAIT?

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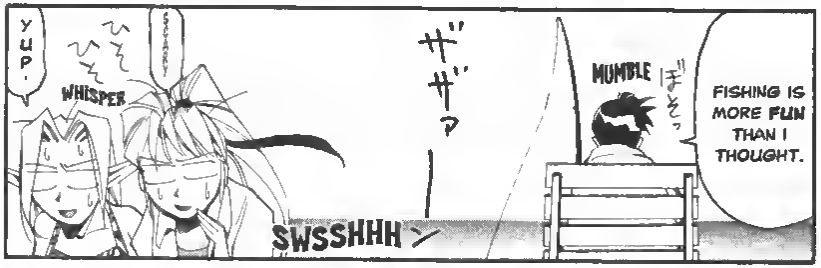
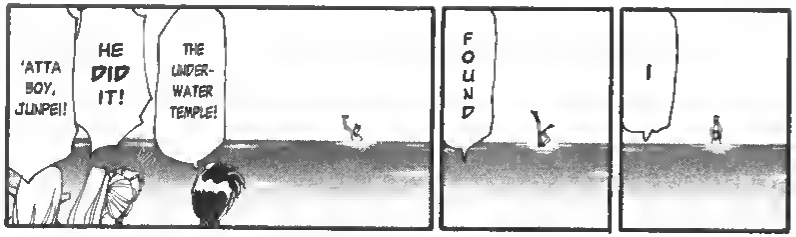
SWSSHHH

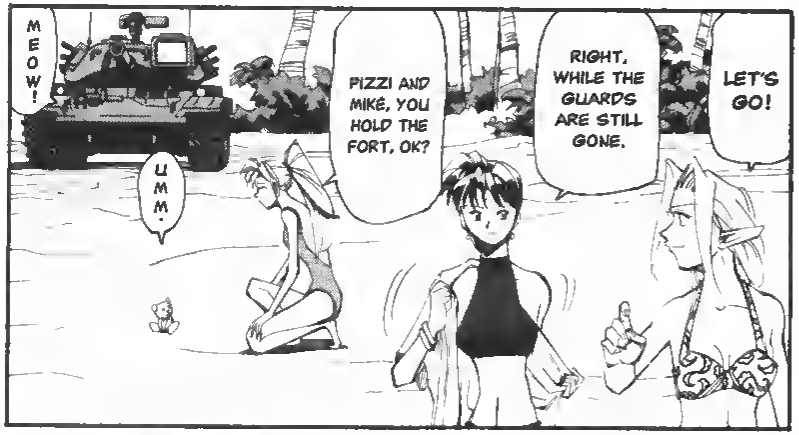

YUP.
WHISPER
ザザァ
MUMBLE
ぼそっ
FISHING IS MORE FUN THAN I THOUGHT.
SWSSHHH

MY LIVE BAIT.

SPLORSH!
IT'S TRUE! HE HAS A HOOK ON HIS BACK!
GEH!
TH-THAT GUY IS YOUR BAIT?!

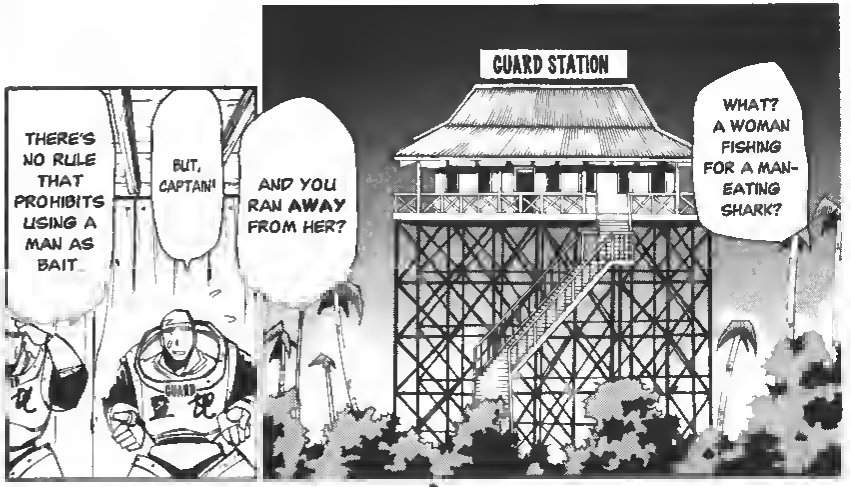
目がマジだ!!
SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!
W-WHAT?!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF A MAN-EATING SHARK I CAN CATCH TODAY.
HEH HEH
I BOUGHT HIM AT A BLACK MARKET IN GOVA, THE CITY OF SLAVES. HE'S MY LITTLE "FLESH SLAVE."


'ATTA BOY, JUNPEI!
HE DID IT!
THE UNDER-WATER TEMPLE!
FOUND
I

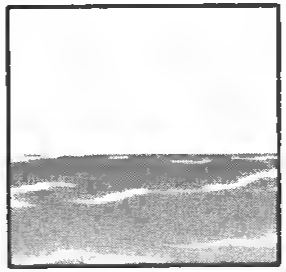

MEOW!
UMM.
PIZZI AND MIKE, YOU HOLD THE FORT, OK?
RIGHT, WHILE THE GUARDS ARE STILL GONE.
LET'S GO!

CLUB

CLUB


GUARD STATION
THERE'S NO RULE THAT PROHIBITS USING A MAN AS BAIT.
BUT, CAPTAIN!
AND YOU RAN AWAY FROM HER?
WHAT? A WOMAN FISHING FOR A MAN-EATING SHARK?
GUARD
監視

EEEK!
ビクッ
TWITCH
BAM
YOU IDIOT! SHE WAS BLUFFING! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A MAN-EATING SHARK!



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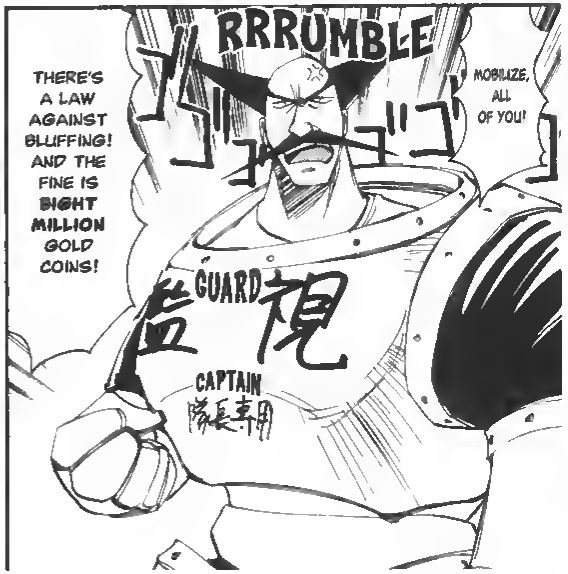
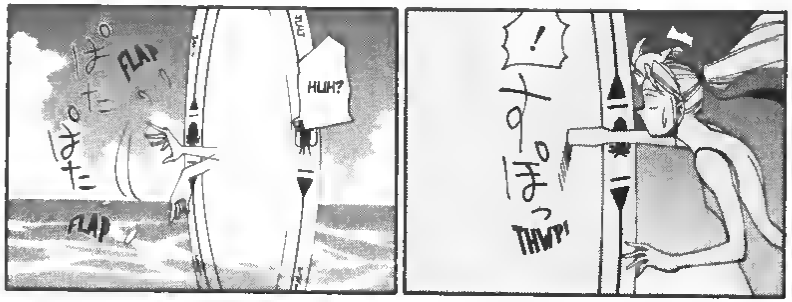
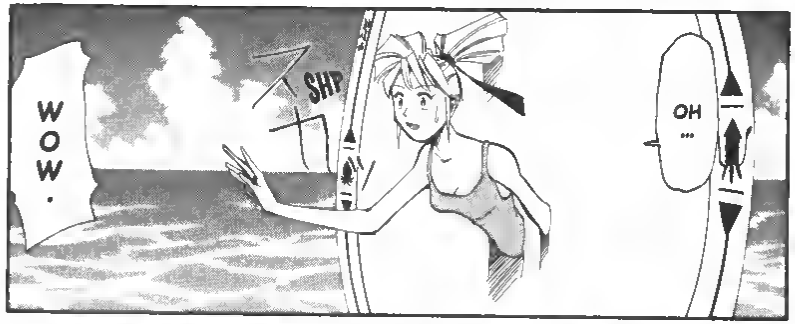
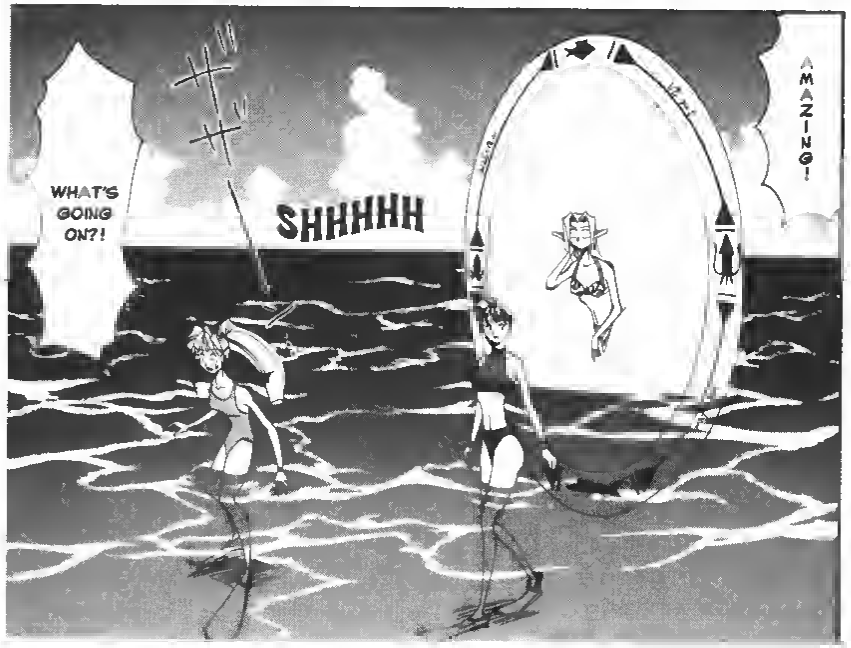
SPLSH


RRRUMBLE
THERE'S A LAW AGAINST BLUFFING! AND THE FINE IS EIGHT MILLION GOLD COINS!
MOBILIZE, ALL OF YOU!
GUARD
監視
CAPTAIN
隊長専用


FLAP
FLAP
HUH?

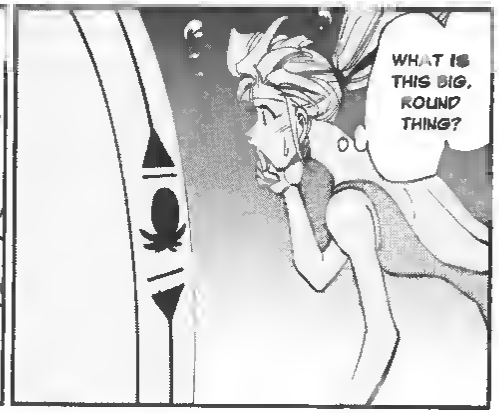
!
THWP!


SHP
WOW.
OH...


SHHHHH
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
AMAZING!

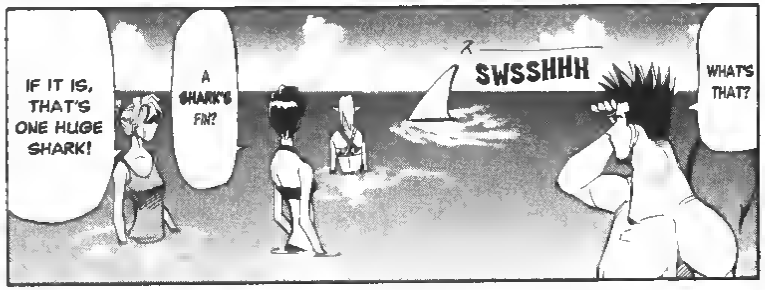
?!

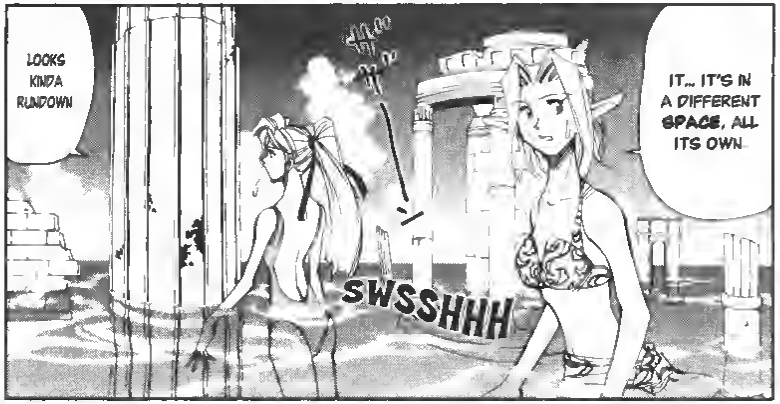
A TELEPORTATION GATE!


WHAT IS THIS BIG, ROUND THING?

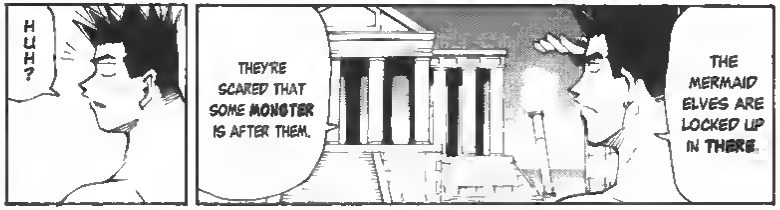
SWSSHHH

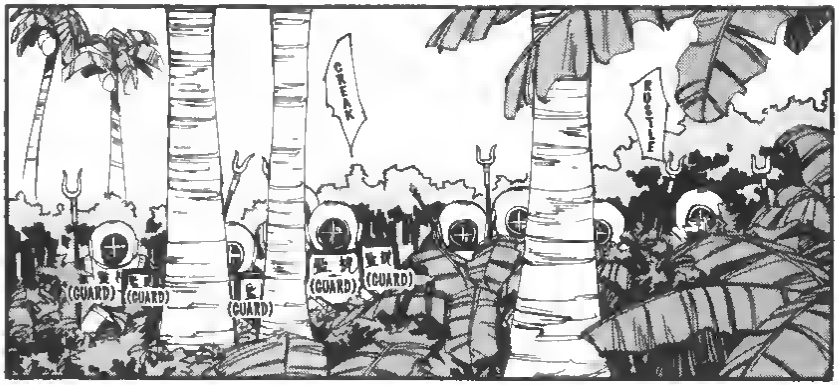
UNDERWATER TEMPLE OF THE MERMAID ELVES!
WELCOME TO THE NEWLY-FOUND


IF IT IS, THAT'S ONE HUGE SHARK!
A SHARK'S FIN?
SWSSHHH
WHAT'S THAT?


LOOKS KINDA RUNDOWN
SWSSHHH
IT... IT'S IN A DIFFERENT SPACE, ALL ITS OWN

C'MON, HURRY!
SPLSH
SPLSH
SWSSHHH
MOVE IT!


HUH?
THEY'RE SCARED THAT SOME MONSTER IS AFTER THEM.
THE MERMAID ELVES ARE LOCKED UP IN THERE.


CREAK
ROOSTLE
(GUARD)
(GUARD)
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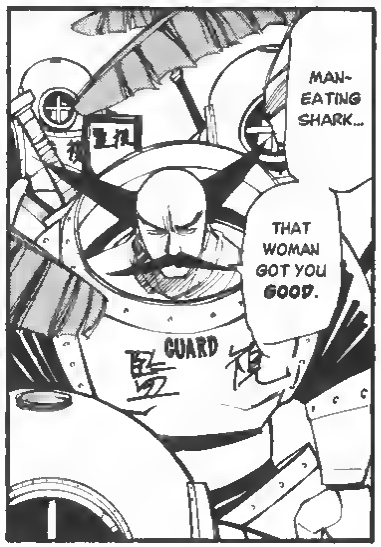
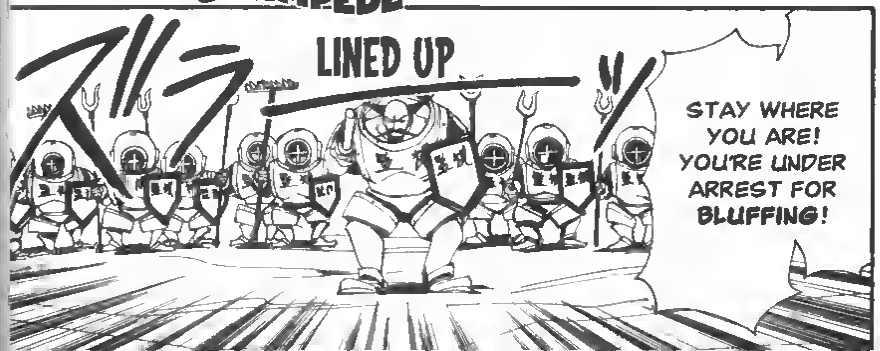
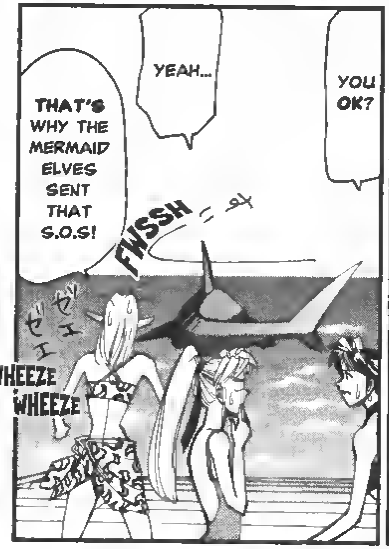
SIR!
SIR!
GUARD
WE'LL GO TOGETHER AND ARREST THEM ALL AT ONCE. READY?

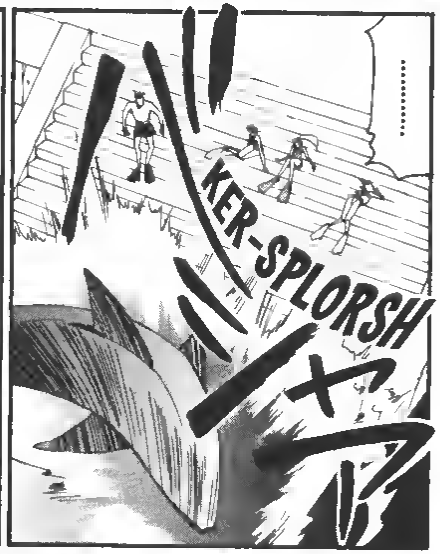

MAN-EATING SHARK...
THAT WOMAN GOT YOU GOOD.
GUARD

HYAAAAHH!!
DASH
CHARGE!
STAMPEDE


LINED UP
STAY WHERE YOU ARE! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR BLUFFING!

YAAUGH!
WAUGH!
KER-SPLOOSH!


THAT'S WHY THE MERMAID ELVES SENT THAT S.O.S!
YEAH...
YOU OK?
FWSSH
WHEEZE WHEEZE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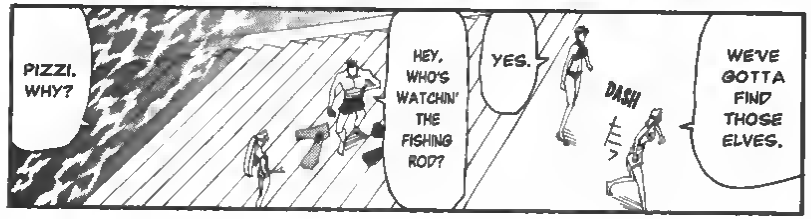
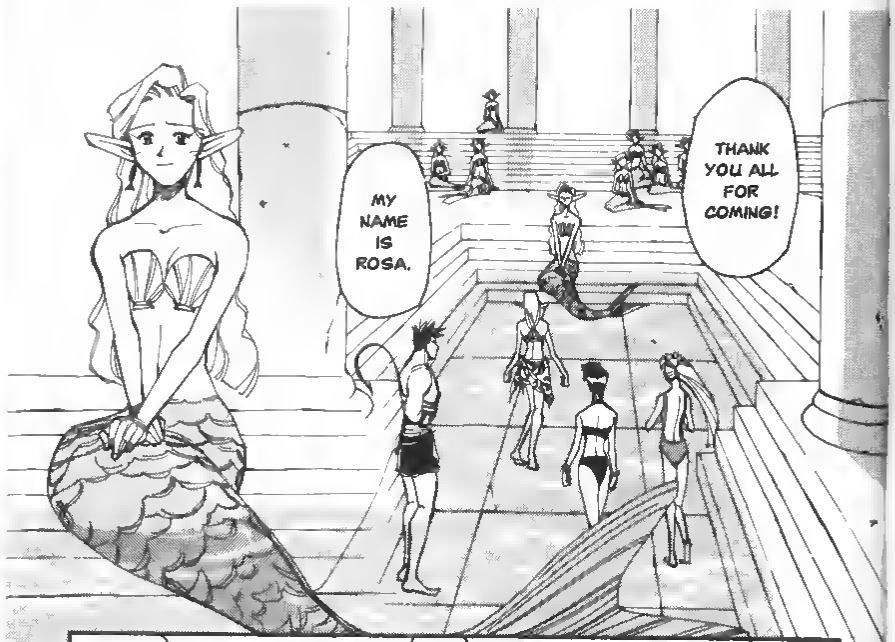
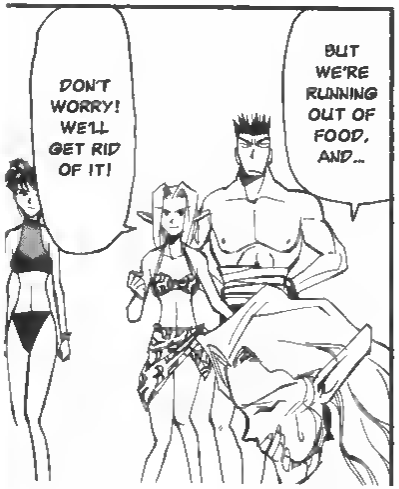
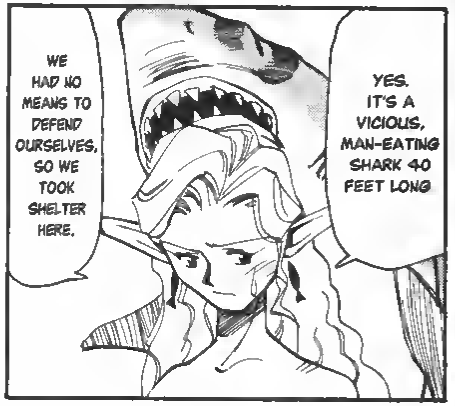

PIZZI. WHY?
HEY, WHO'S WATCHIN' THE FISHING ROD?
YES.
DASH
WE'VE GOTTA FIND THOSE ELVES.

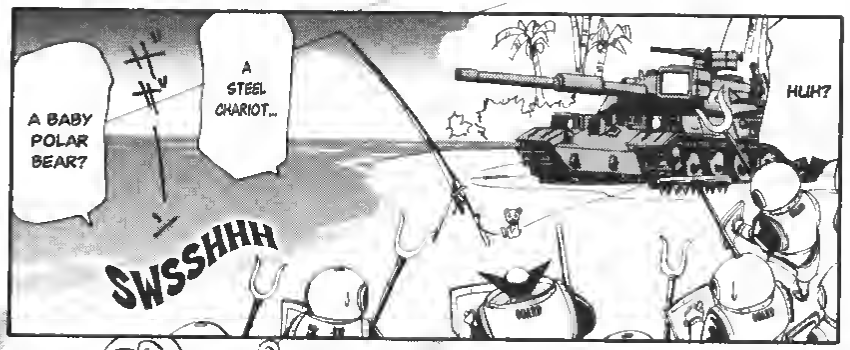

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!
MY NAME IS ROSA.

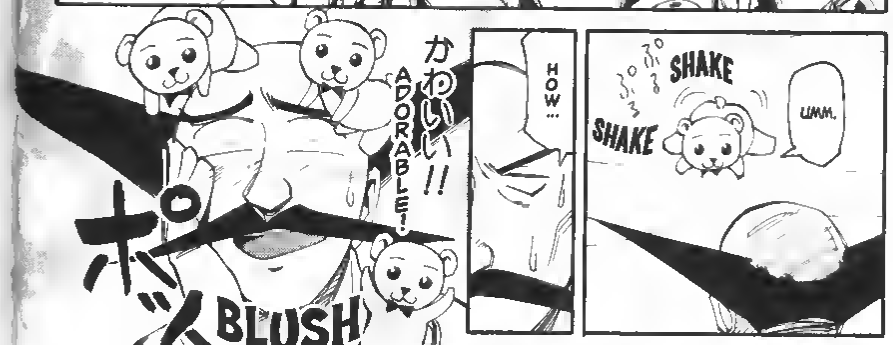
I SAW THE SHARK OUTSIDE. THAT'S THE PROBLEM, RIGHT?
YES.
SO YOU ARE THE ONE WHO HEARD ME.

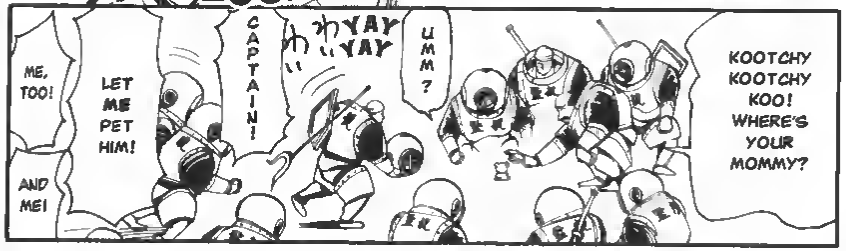

DON'T WORRY! WE'LL GET RID OF IT!
BUT WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF FOOD, AND...

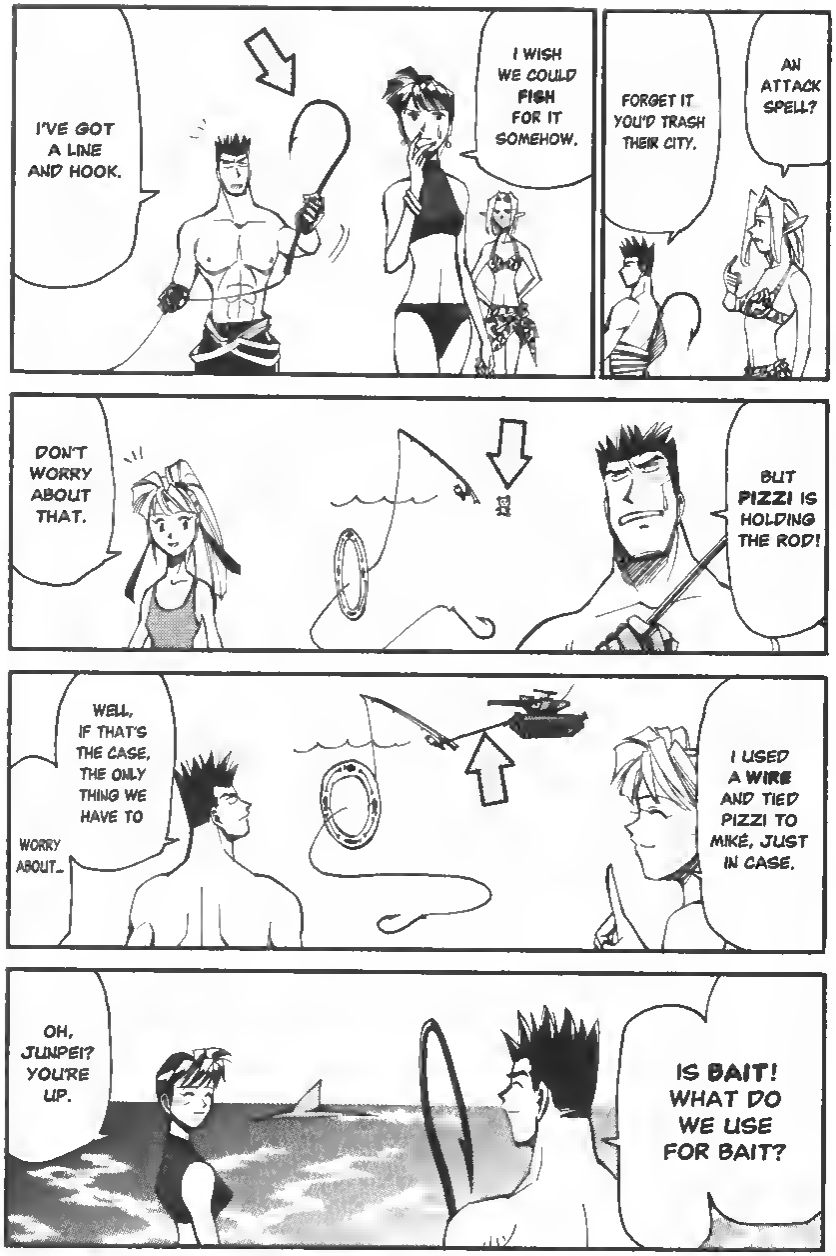

WE HAD NO MEANS TO DEFEND OURSELVES, SO WE TOOK SHELTER HERE.
YES. IT'S A VICIOUS, MAN-EATING SHARK 40 FEET LONG

UMM?

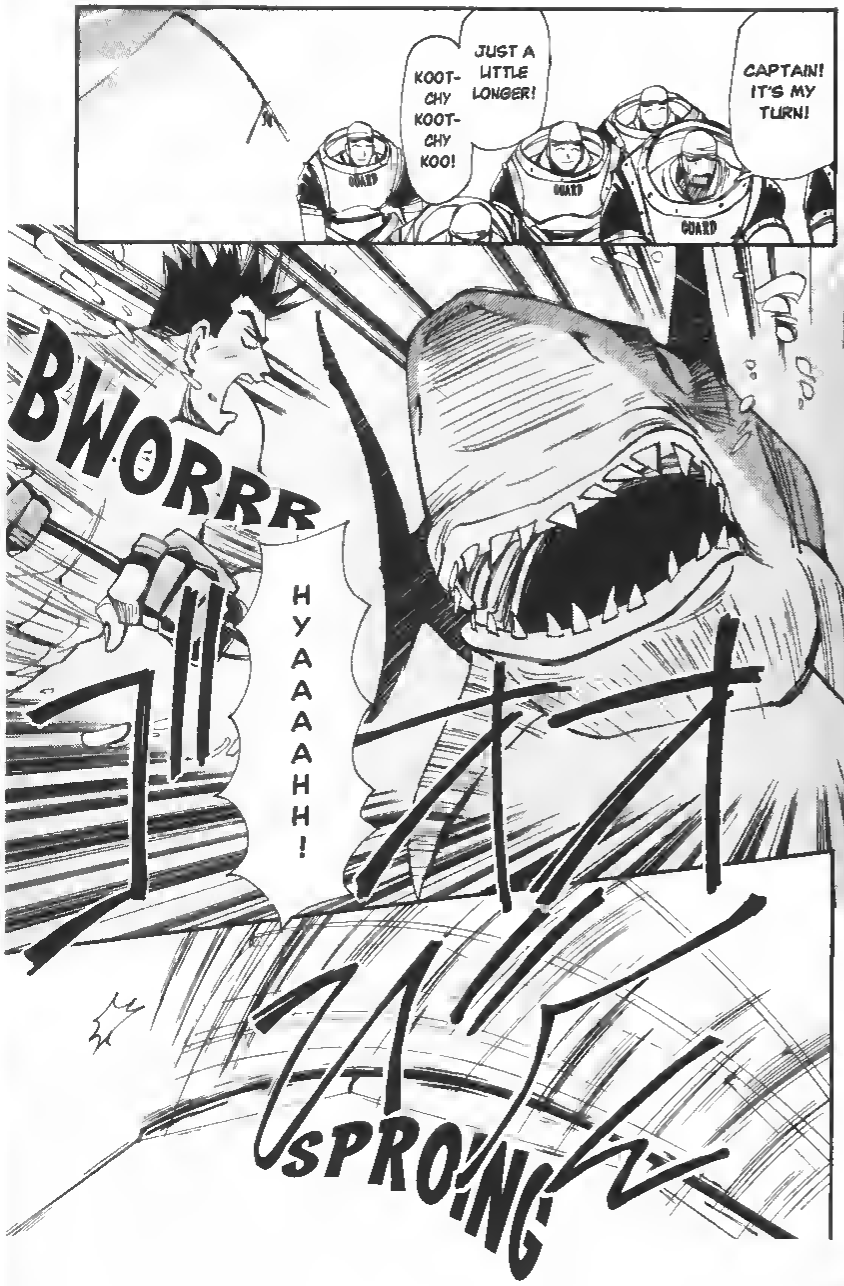

A BABY POLAR BEAR?
A STEEL CHARIOT...
SWSSHHH
HUH?

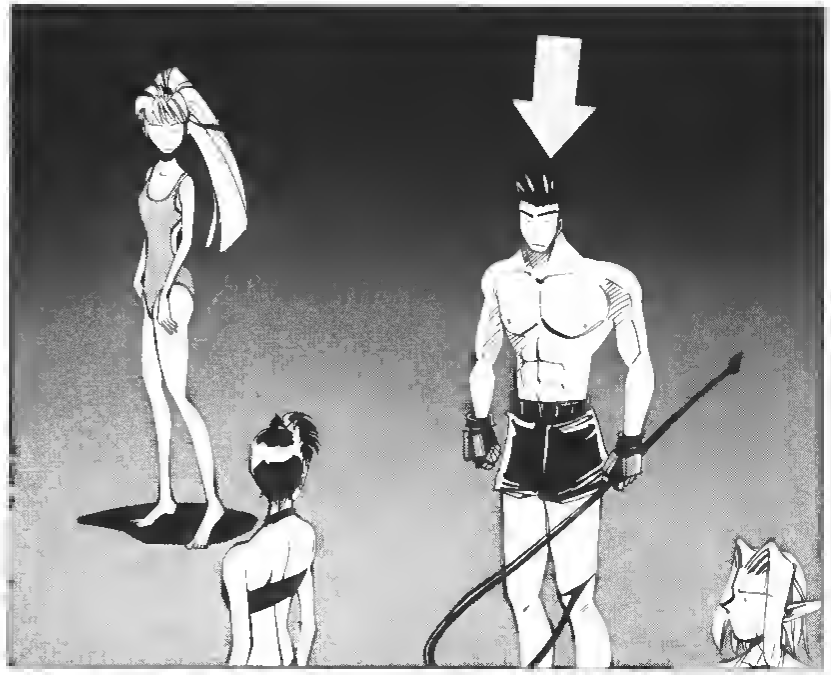

かわいい!! ADORABLE!
ボン BLUSH
HOW...
SHAKE
SHAKE
UMM.

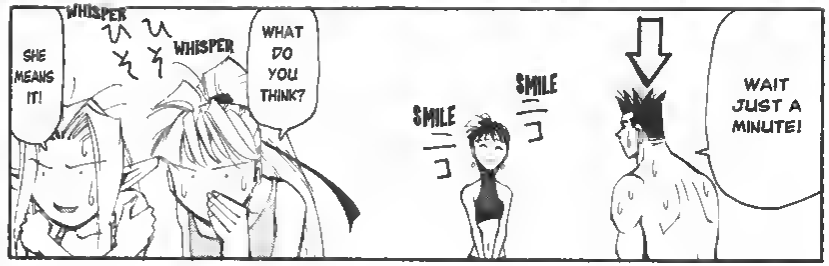

ME, TOO!
LET ME PET HIM!
AND ME!
CAPTAIN!
わいわい YAY YAY
UMM?
KOOTCHY KOOTCHY KOO! WHERE'S YOUR MOMMY?


I'VE GOT A LINE AND HOOK.
I WISH WE COULD FISH FOR IT SOMEHOW.
FORGET IT. YOU'D TRASH THEIR CITY.
AN ATTACK SPELL?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
BUT PIZZI IS HOLDING THE ROD!
WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT...
I USED A WIRE AND TIED PIZZI TO MIKÉ, JUST IN CASE.
OH, JUNPEI? YOU'RE UP.
IS BAIT! WHAT DO WE USE FOR BAIT?

YOU WANT TO STRIP US, RIGHT? GLADLY.
SMILE
JUNPEI!!
BUT AS A REWARD...
OF COURSE.
F-WAP
LET'S TURN THAT SHARK INTO SUSHI!
THIS DEAL IS DONE!
SHWP
AND KARATE WON'T WORK UNDER WATER.
IT IS REALLY BIG.


KOOT-CHY KOOT-CHY KOO!
JUST A LITTLE LONGER!
CAPTAIN! IT'S MY TURN!
GUARD
GUARD
GUARD
BWORRR
HYAAAAAHH!
SPRO:NG!



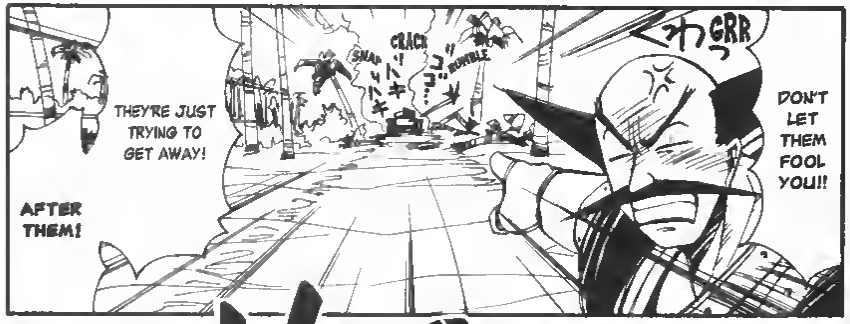

WHISPER
WHISPER
SHE MEANS IT!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
SMILE
SMILE
WAIT JUST A MINUTE!

HE SURE IS CUTE!
GUARD
GUARD
GUARD
UMM!
PET
"UMM"!
GOOD BOY!

SPLSSH
AMAZING!
BUT HOW ARE THEY GOING TO PULL OUT SUCH A HUGE MONSTER?
MIKE! PULL!
CLENCH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
MEOW!
WAUGH!
WHAT THE...?!
RRRROAR
PING

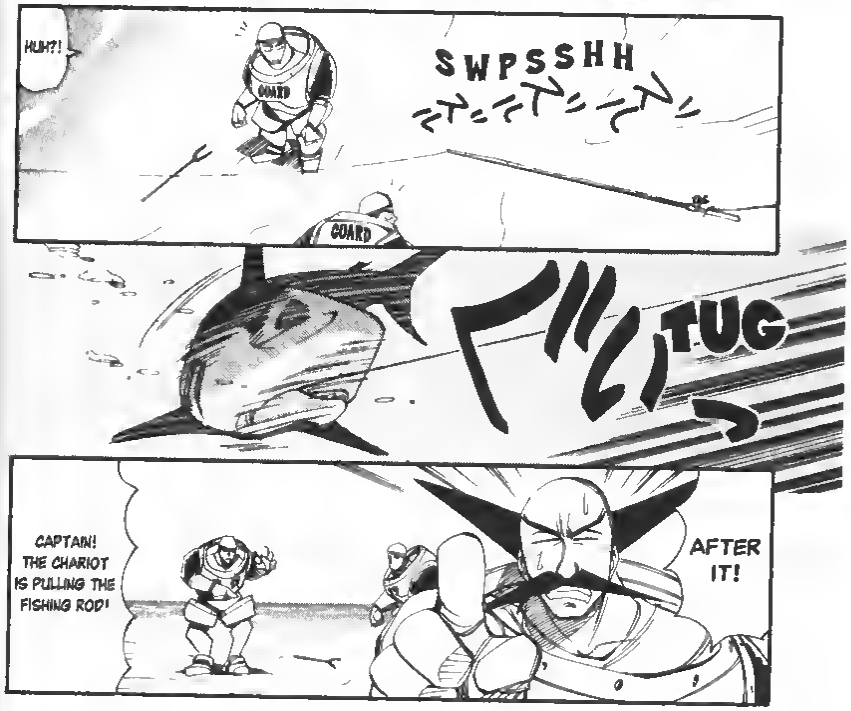
.....
AND IT'S A BIG ONE!
YEAH.
GULP
I-I THINK SOMETHING'S BITING!
A WHALE?
SWSSHHH
GUARD
GUARD
WHAT IS IT?
ONLY AN IDIOT LIKE HIM WOULD EVEN TRY IT!
I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT, JUNPEI!
HA HA HA
GRAB
IF IT'S FOR YOU, AIRI, I CAN DO ANYTHING! THAT SHARK IS HOOKED!
JUNPEI! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
PWHAA!
SPLLSH

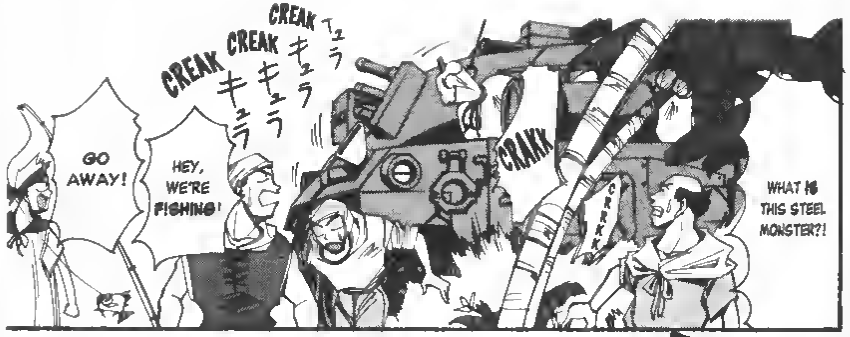
I THINK IT'S PULLING IN A FISH!
WHAT?


THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO GET AWAY!
AFTER THEM!
GRR
DON'T LET THEM FOOL YOU!!

SPLOOOSH!
!!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
IMPOSSIBLE!
NO ONE'S EVEN RIDING IT!
LOOK! IT'S MOVING!
GUARD
MURMUR MURMUR


HUH?!
SWPSSHH
TUG
CAPTAIN! THE CHARIOT IS PULLING THE FISHING ROD!
AFTER IT!


CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
キュラ
キュラ
キュラ
GO AWAY!
HEY, WE'RE FISHING!
CRAKK
CRRKK
WHAT IS THIS STEEL MONSTER?!

WAAUGH!!
BOOM
ドン
FSHOOM
THWOP

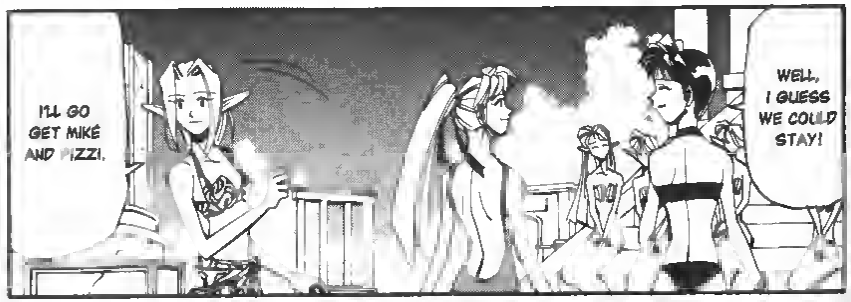
WAIT!
HOLD IT...
ARE THEY FINISHING OFF THE SHARK?!
WHAT NOW?!
TWITCH
ズゴゴゴ
BA-BOOM

GUARD
(GUARD)
(GUARD)
(GUARD)
SNAP
カチ

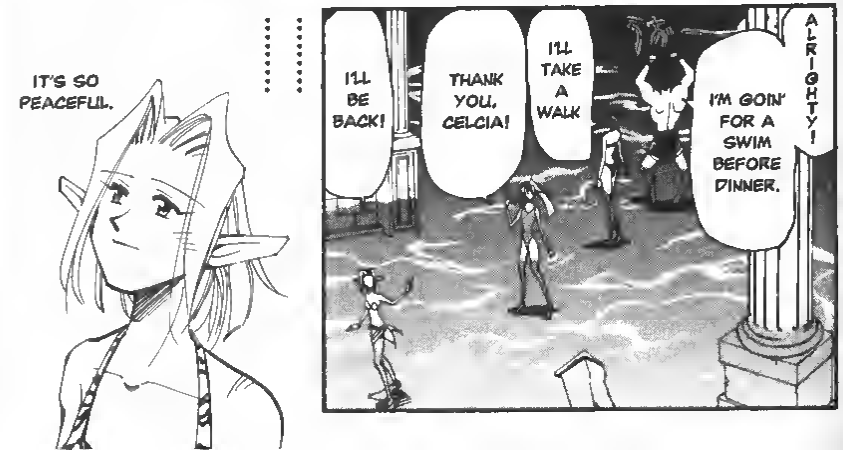
RUN!
SLIIIIDE
するるるるるる
SPLSH
ビチ
SPLSH
ビチ
IT'S A MAN-EATING SHARK!!
キャCYAAA
オオオオオ
WAAAAUGH

CREAK
CRAKK
(GUARD)
YOU REALLY ARE GENIUS SHARK HUNTERS!!
I'M SORRY I CALLED YOU "BLUFFERS"!

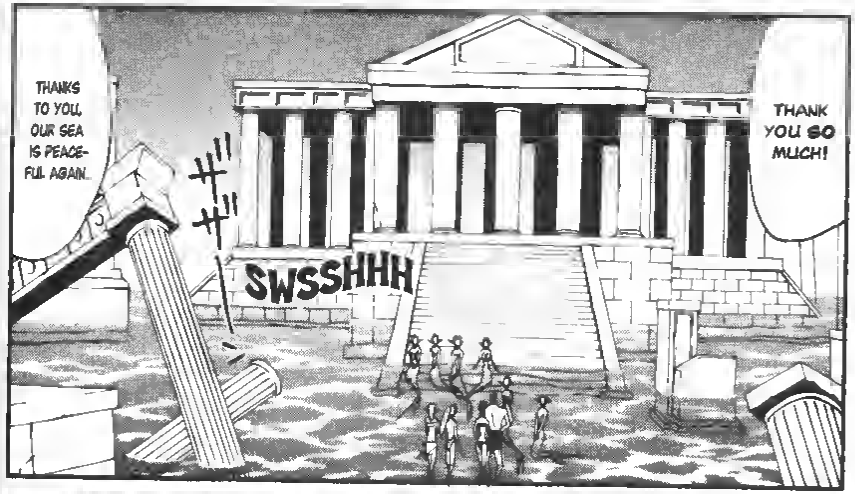
GREAT IDEA!
WE'LL PREPARE SOME DELICIOUS SEAFOOD FOR YOU!
WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU STAY HERE FOR A WHILE.


I'LL GO GET MIKE AND PIZZI.
WELL, I GUESS WE COULD STAY!

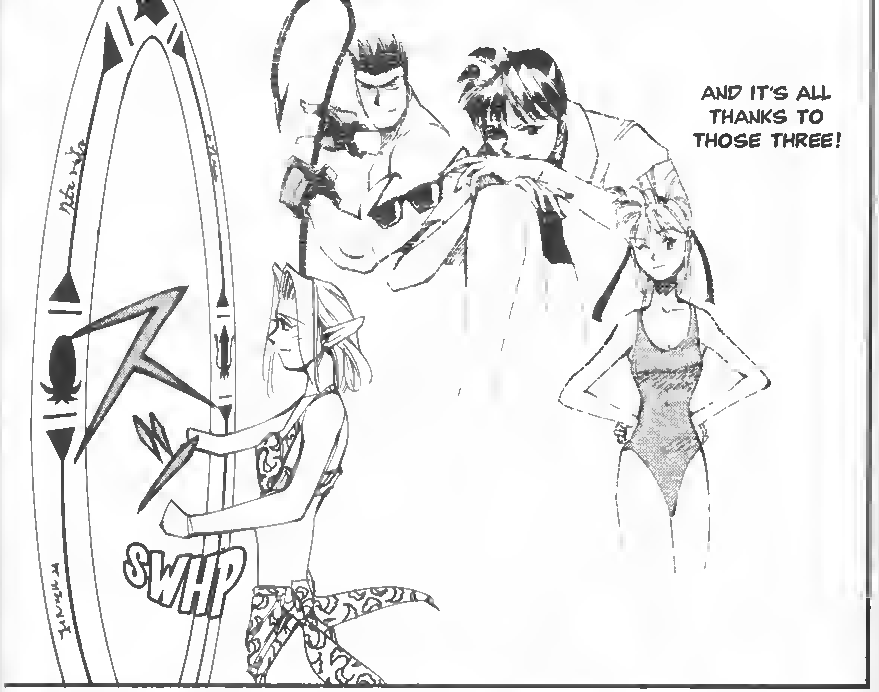
I'D LIKE TO DO SOMETHING.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I'LL DO IT, CELCIA.


IT'S SO PEACEFUL.
I'LL BE BACK!
THANK YOU, CELCIA!
I'LL TAKE A WALK
ALRIGHTY!
I'M GOIN' FOR A SWIM BEFORE DINNER.

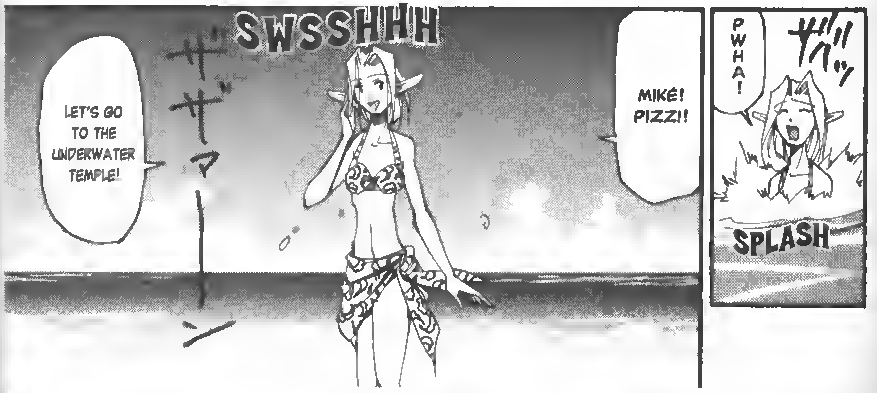
GYAA!
KA-BOOM!


THANKS TO YOU, OUR SEA IS PEACE-FUL AGAIN.
SWSSHHH
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

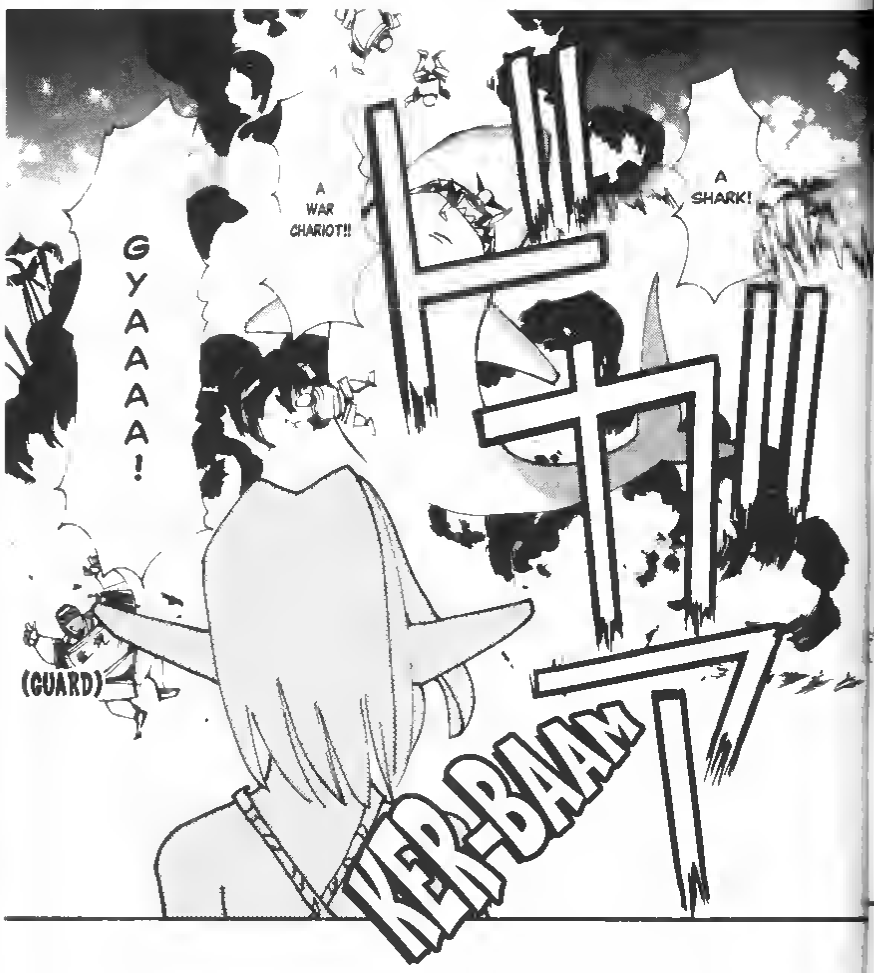
AAH, DON'T WORRY. WE'RE USED TO HITTIN' DEAD ENDS.
WE'RE SORRY WE COULDN'T HELP YOU FIND THE SPELL.


AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO THOSE THREE!
SWHP

SWSSHHH


SWSSHHH
LET'S GO TO THE UNDERWATER TEMPLE!
MIKE! PIZZI!
PWHA!
SPLASH

BLUE OCEAN... BLUE SKY... THE GENTLE SOUND OF WAVES...
海の青 空の青 そして 穏やかな波の音
AAH. PEACEFUL IS GOOD.
そうよ 平和が一番よ


GYAAAA!
A WAR CHARIOT!!
A SHARK!
(GUARD)
KER-BAAM

KA-BOOM!
GUARD STATION
I'M DYING!
HELP!
EMERGENCY! EVACUATE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY! GAAARGH!
BOOM
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RRRUMBLE!

I'M DYING!
HELP ME!
A SHARK!
A WAR CHARIOT!
AAARGH!
After that, Celcia had nightmares for a month.

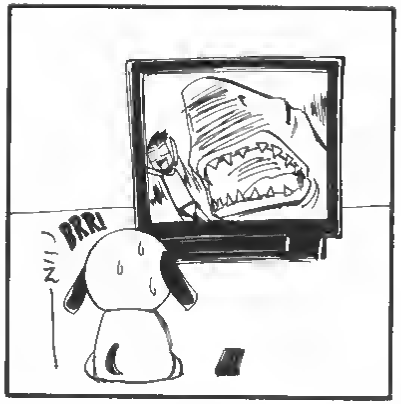
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Wounded: 2,800
Missing: 5,000
Total damage: 9 trillion, 700 million gold coins.

making of #22

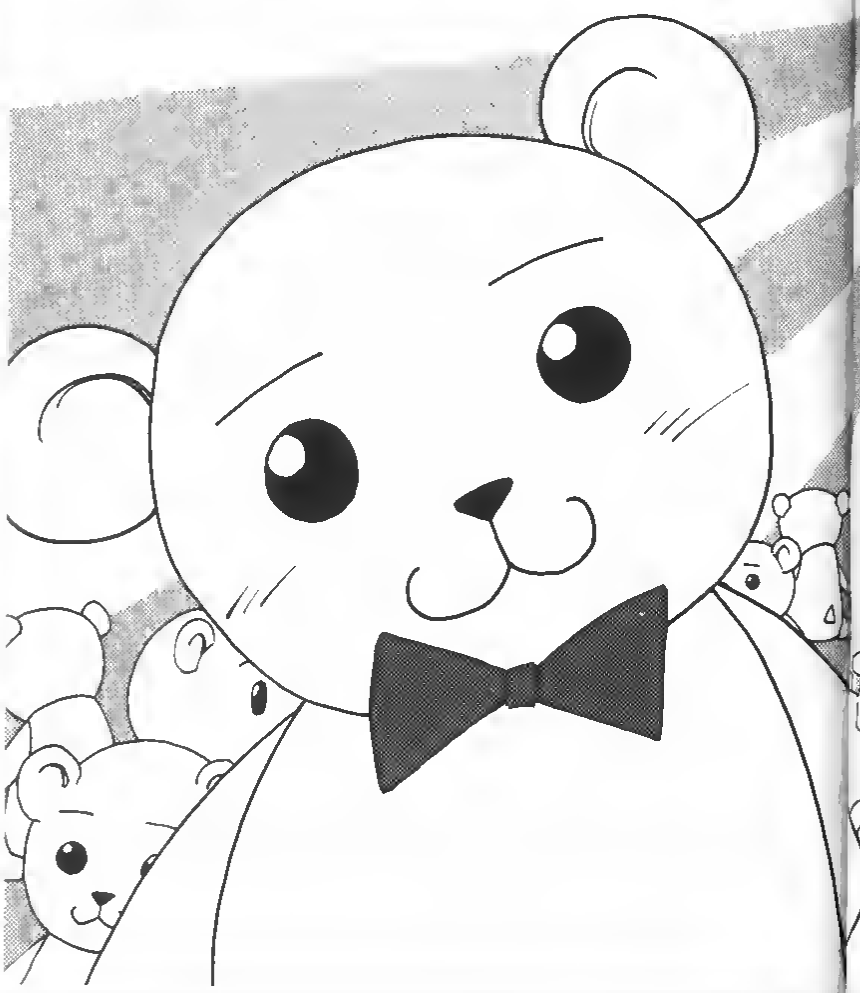
I watched "Jaws" to get a better idea of what a shark looks like

I also own a set of fishing tackle,

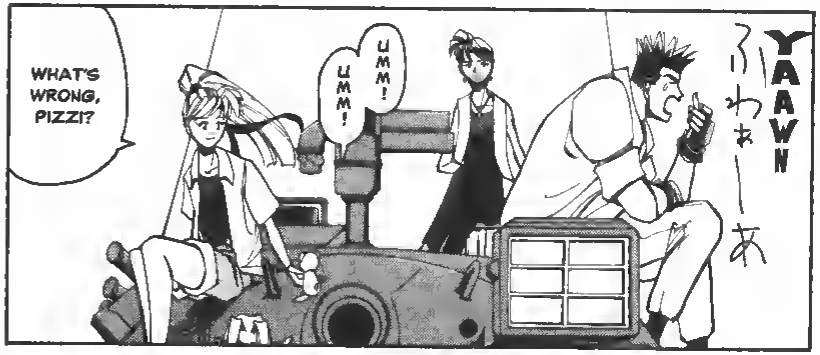
for black bass fishing

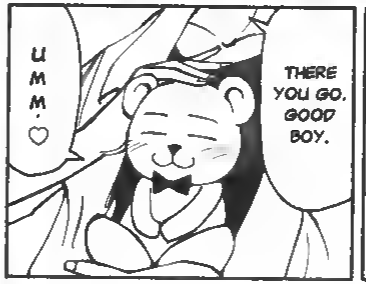


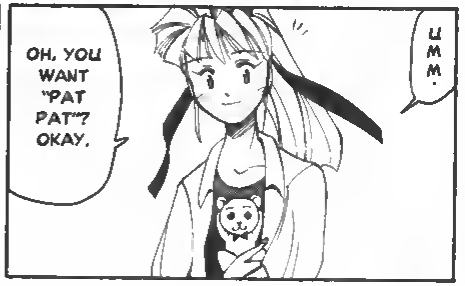
#23 REVENGE OF THE TAKE-MY-TROUBLES TEDDIES

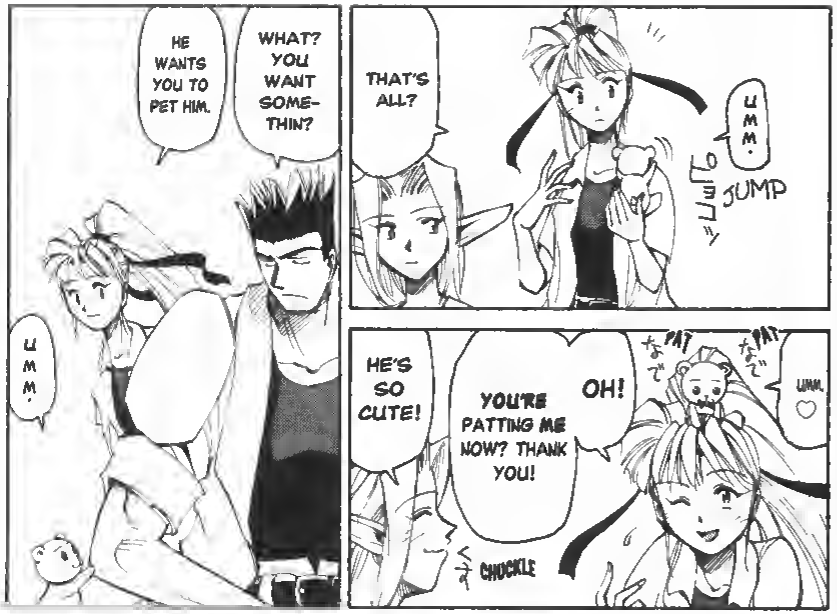


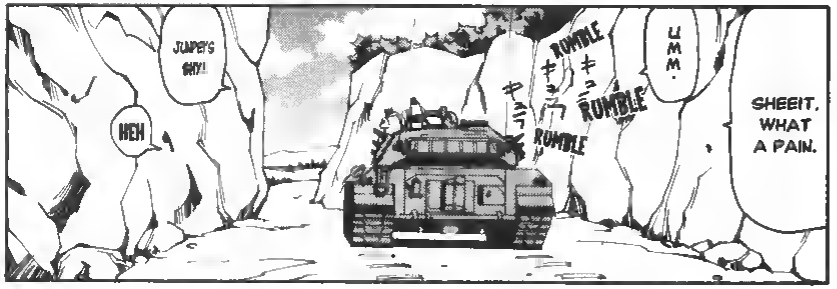
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

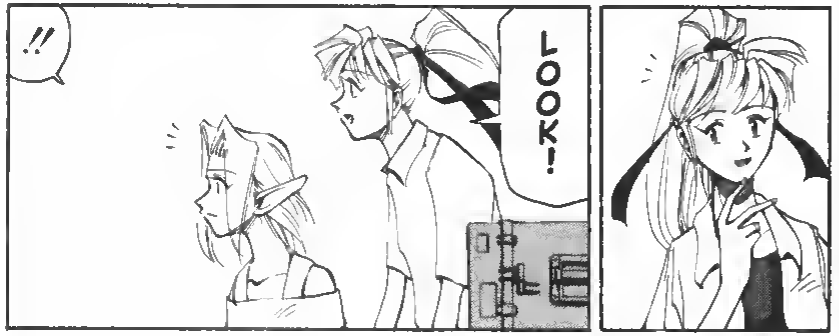

WHAT'S WRONG, PIZZI?
UMM!
UMM!
YAAWN
ふわぁーあ


UMM.♡
THERE YOU GO. GOOD BOY.


OH, YOU WANT "PAT PAT"? OKAY.
UMM.


HE WANTS YOU TO PET HIM.
WHAT? YOU WANT SOME-THIN?
UMM.
THAT'S ALL?
UMM.
JUMP
HE'S SO CUTE!
YOU'RE PATTING ME NOW? THANK YOU!
OH!
PAT
なで
PAT
なで
UMM.♡
CHUCKLE


JUPE'S SHY!
HEH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
UMM.
SHEEIT. WHAT A PAIN.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LOOK!

WOW! WHAT A HUGE TOWN!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
キュラ
キュラ
RUMBLE

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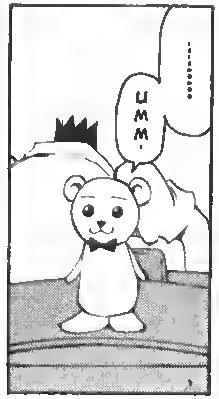
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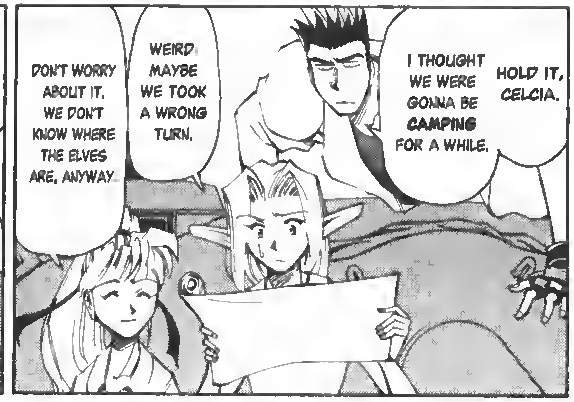
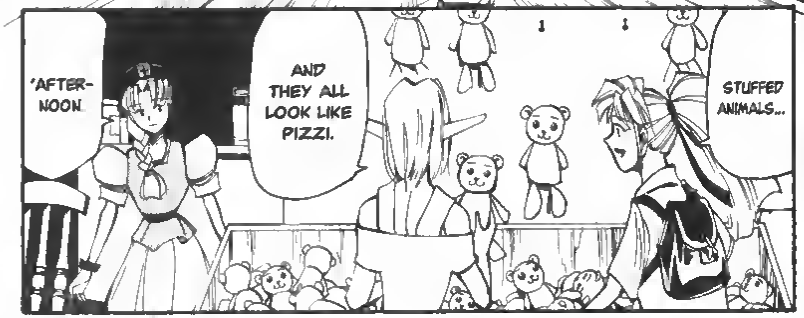
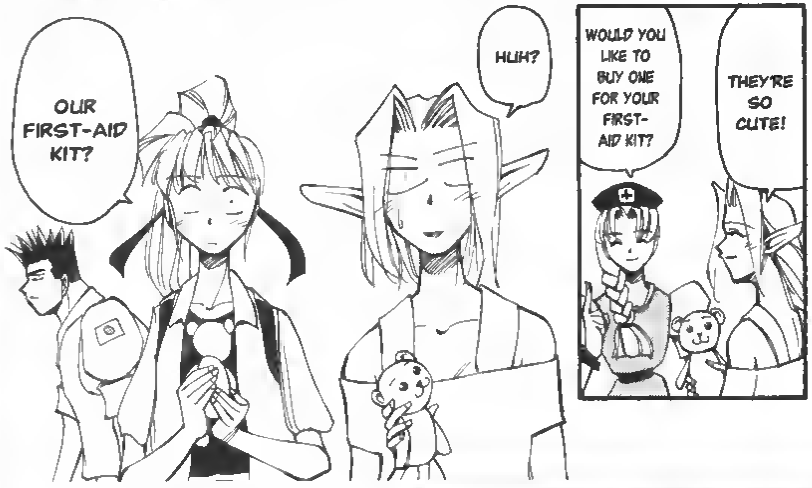
UMM.


DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE ELVES ARE, ANYWAY.
WEIRD. MAYBE WE TOOK A WRONG TURN.
I THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA BE CAMPING FOR A WHILE.
HOLD IT, CELCIA.

TAKE MY TROUBLES TEDDY!
わいYAY
わいYAY


'AFTER-NOON
AND THEY ALL LOOK LIKE PIZZI.
STUFFED ANIMALS...


OUR FIRST-AID KIT?
HUH?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY ONE FOR YOUR FIRST-AID KIT?
THEY'RE SO CUTE!

YAAY
YAAY
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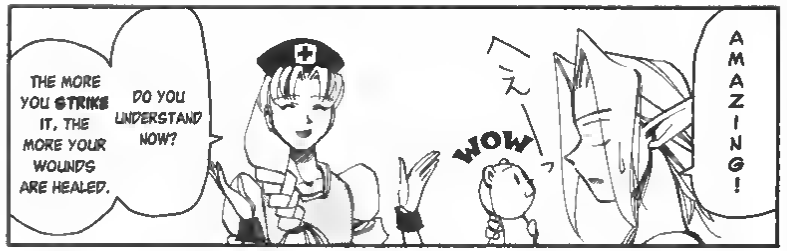
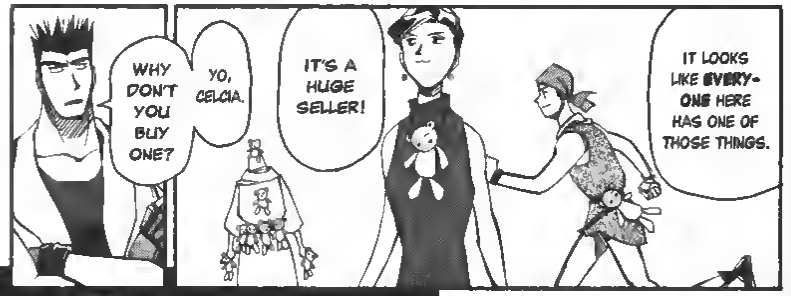
YAY
わ
YAY
HA
HA
HA
わ
YAY
YAY

MURMUR
MURMUR
THANK YOU!

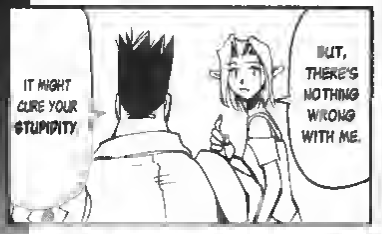
!
LOOK OVER THERE, RITSUKO!

EVERYONE LOOKS SO HEALTHY.
WHAT A LIVELY TOWN.

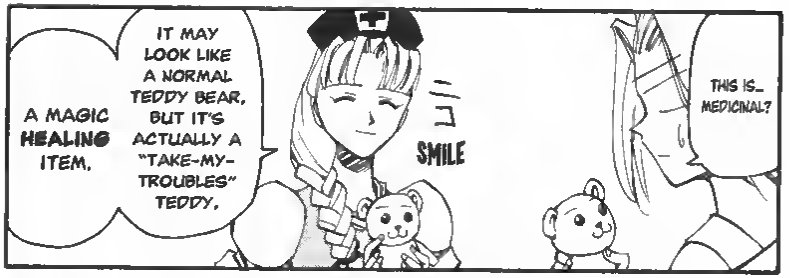

AMAZING!
WOW
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?
THE MORE YOU STRIKE IT, THE MORE YOUR WOUNDS ARE HEALED.


IT LOOKS LIKE EVERY-ONE HERE HAS ONE OF THOSE THINGS.
IT'S A HUGE SELLER!
YO, CELCIA.
WHY DON'T YOU BUY ONE?

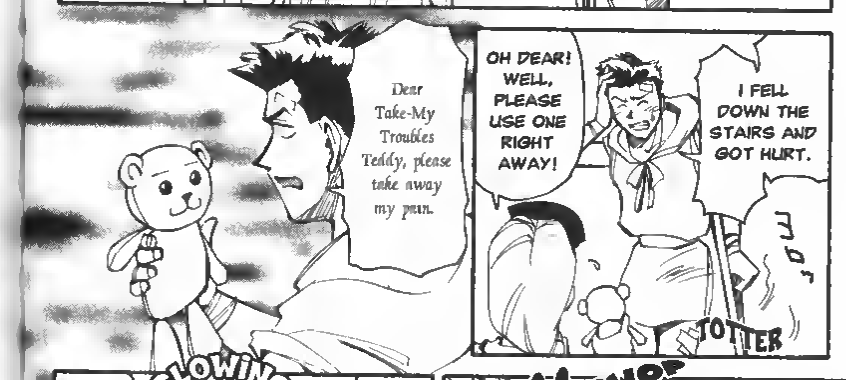
GOOD.
I'LL SHOW YOU A SECRET KARATE TECHNIQUE.
WHOEVER GETS HURT FIRST WILL TRY IT OUT HOW ABOUT THAT?
HMPH

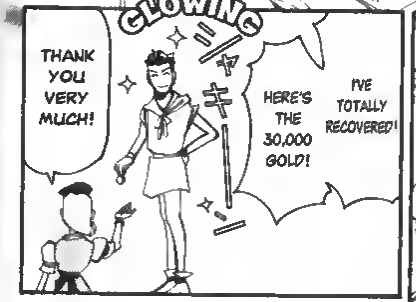

BUT, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ME.
IT MIGHT CURE YOUR STUPIDITY

THEN IT'D BE PERFECT FOR YOU, YOU IDIOT!
WHAT?! YOU LOOKIN' TO GET SMACKED, DUMBASS?!
GRR

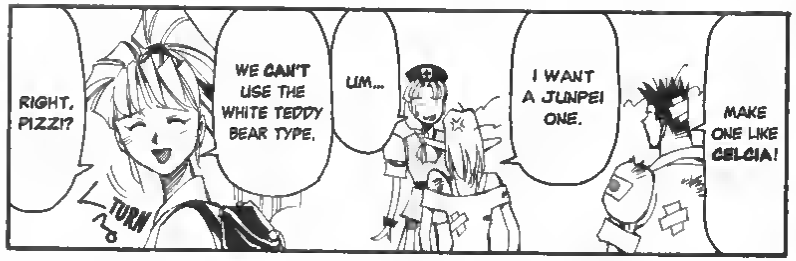

THIS IS... MEDICINAL?
SMILE
IT MAY LOOK LIKE A NORMAL TEDDY BEAR, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY A "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY.
A MAGIC HEALING ITEM.

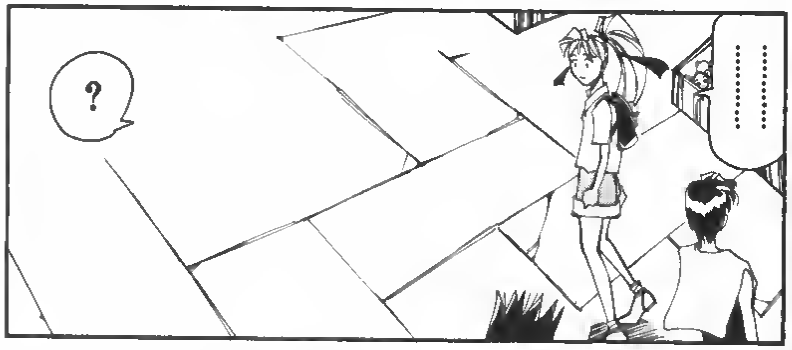
C-CAN I BUY ONE?
TOTTER
WELCOME, CUSTOMER!


I FELL DOWN THE STAIRS AND GOT HURT.
OH DEAR! WELL, PLEASE USE ONE RIGHT AWAY!
TOTTER
Dear Take-My Troubles Teddy, please take away my pain.


I'VE TOTALLY RECOVERED!
HERE'S THE 30,000 GOLD!
GLOWING
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

HRARR! HNGRARR!!
BWOP
BWOP
BWOP
BWOP


RIGHT, PIZZI?
TURN
WE CAN'T USE THE WHITE TEDDY BEAR TYPE.
UM...
I WANT A JUNPEI ONE.
MAKE ONE LIKE CELCIA!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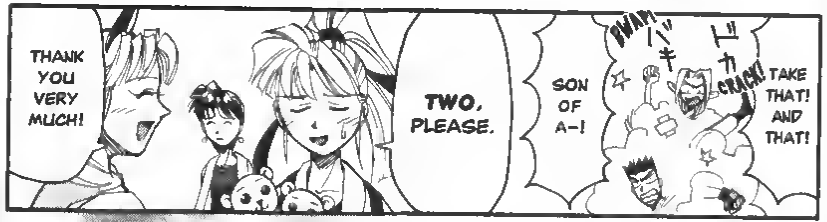
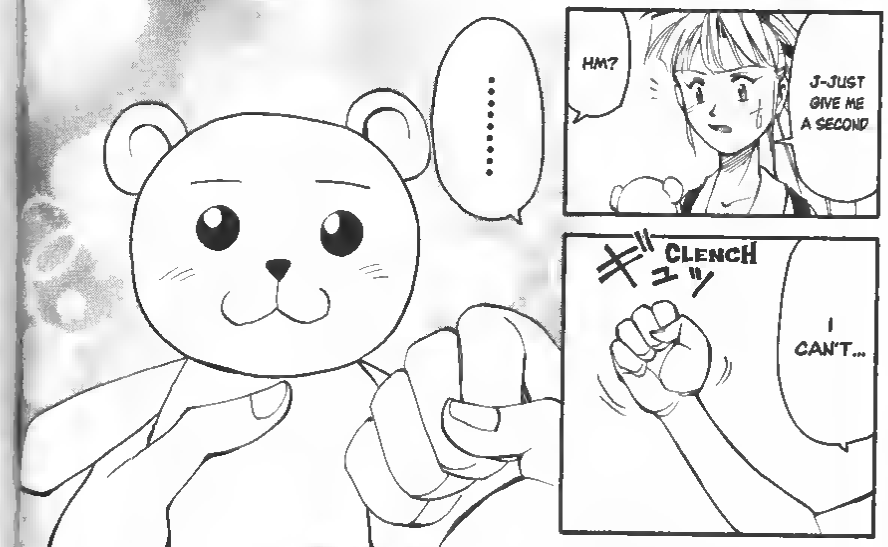
HE WAS HERE A SECOND AGO!
キョロキョロ WHIRL WHIRL
PIZZI?

OH NO!
THAT MEANS...
MAYBE SOMEONE PICKED HIM UP BY MISTAKE.
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE A "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY.
YUP, HE'S LOST.
PIZZI!


THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
TWO, PLEASE.
SON OF A-!
BAM! ハッキ
ユカ CRACK!
TAKE THAT! AND THAT!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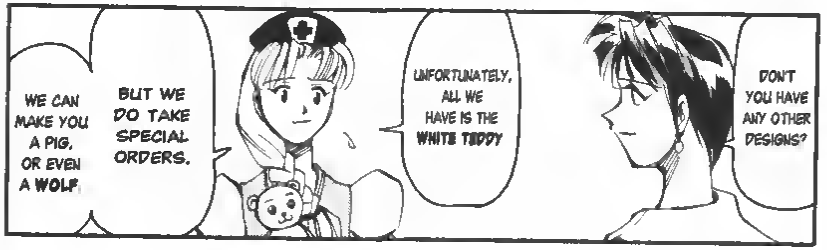
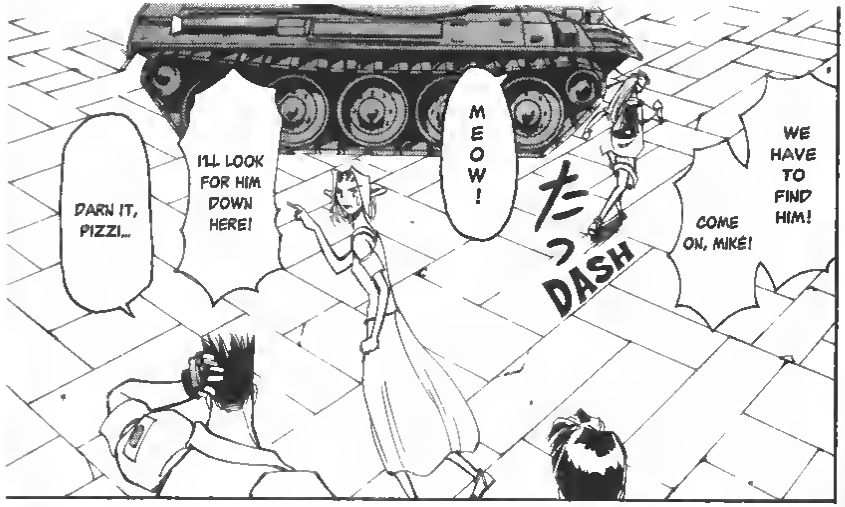
HM?
J-JUST GIVE ME A SECOND
キュッ CLENCH
I CAN'T...

IT LOOKS JUST LIKE PIZZI.
HUG キュ
I JUST CAN'T!

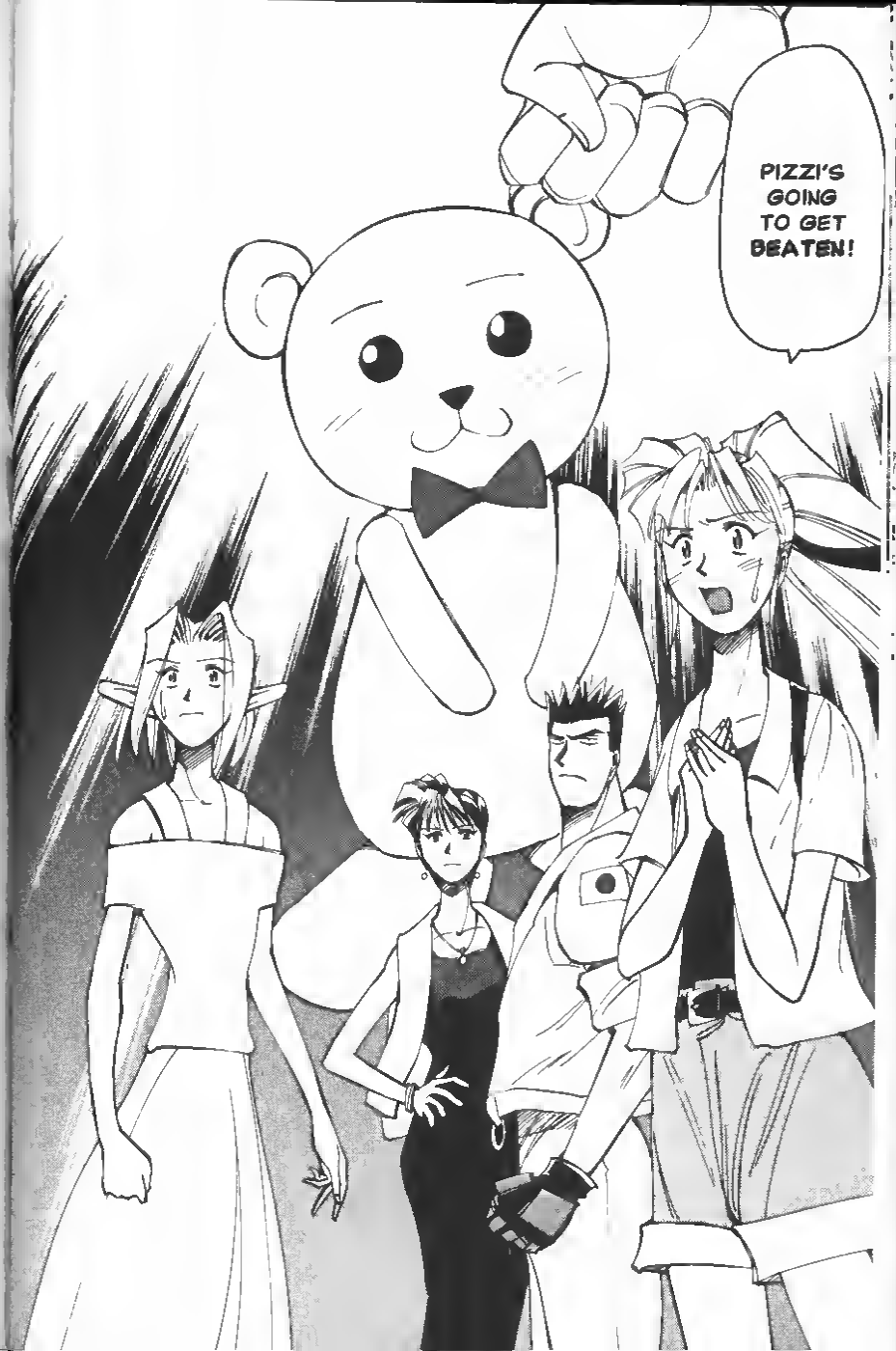

WE CAN MAKE YOU A PIG, OR EVEN A WOLF.
BUT WE DO TAKE SPECIAL ORDERS.
UNFORTUNATELY, ALL WE HAVE IS THE WHITE TEDDY
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY OTHER DESIGNS?

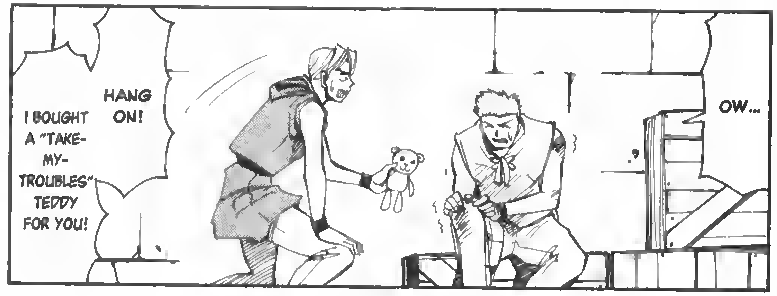

DARN IT, PIZZI...
I'LL LOOK FOR HIM DOWN HERE!
MEOW!
たっ DASH
COME ON, MIKE!
WE HAVE TO FIND HIM!

OKAY BE CAREFUL!
HE MIGHT COME BACK.
AIRI, YOU WAIT HERE.

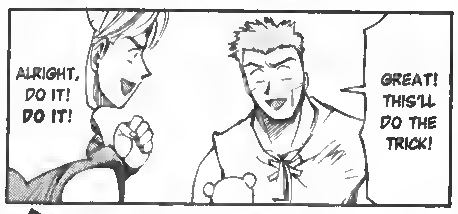
YES.
H-HOW TERRIBLE.

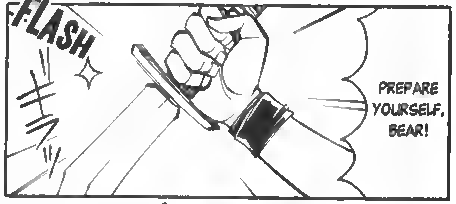
?
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG.
SUCH ACCIDENTS HAPPEN QUITE OFTEN HERE. SOMEONE'S PET GETS MISTAKEN FOR A "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY AND GETS HIT.


PIZZI'S GOING TO GET BEATEN!


I BOUGHT A "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY FOR YOU!
HANG ON!
OW...

THWSSH
HYAA!


ALRIGHT, DO IT! DO IT!
GREAT! THIS'LL DO THE TRICK!


FLASH
PREPARE YOURSELF, BEAR!

WH-WHAT...?
AN ATTACK SPELL?
GARGH!
HRARGH!
KA-BOOM!

IT'S THIS TOWN.
?
IT'S NOT PIZZI I'M AFRAID IS IN DANGER...

I HAVE TO FIND PIZZI!
I HAVE TO FIND HIM, QUICK.
HMF!
HMF!

PIZZI!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
たっ THP
たっ THP

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PIZZI!
DASH
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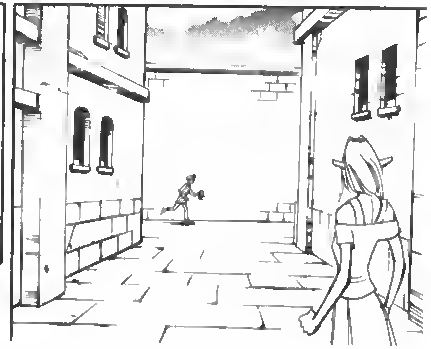
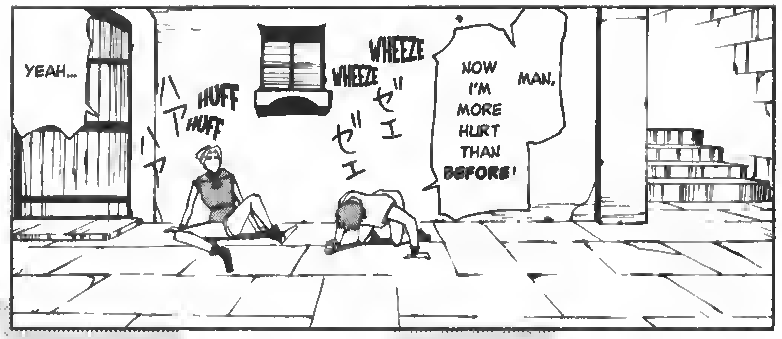
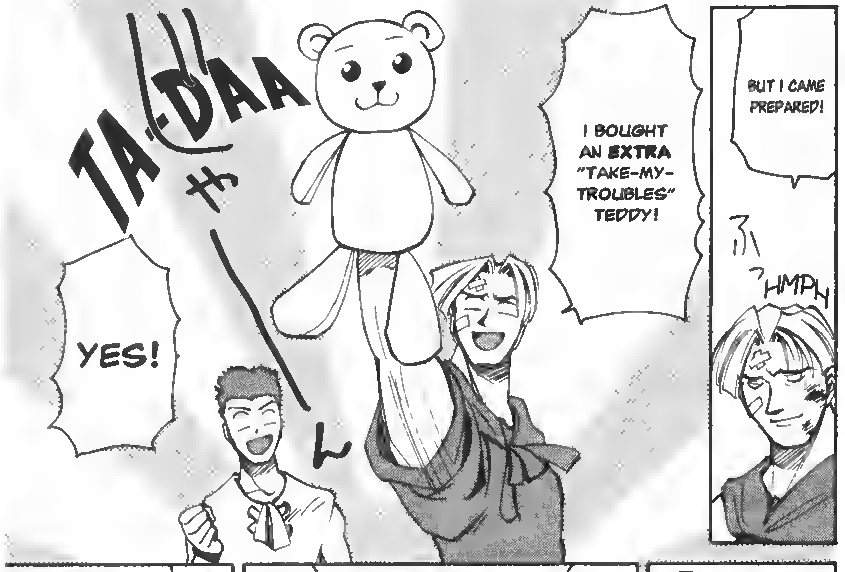



YEAH...
HUFF HUFF
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
NOW I'M MORE HURT THAN BEFORE!
MAN,


TA-DAA
YES!
I BOUGHT AN EXTRA "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY!
BUT I CAME PREPARED!
HMPH

HYAA!
WE'LL SMASH THIS TEDDY AND GET BETTER!
HEH HEH HEH
THIS TIME...
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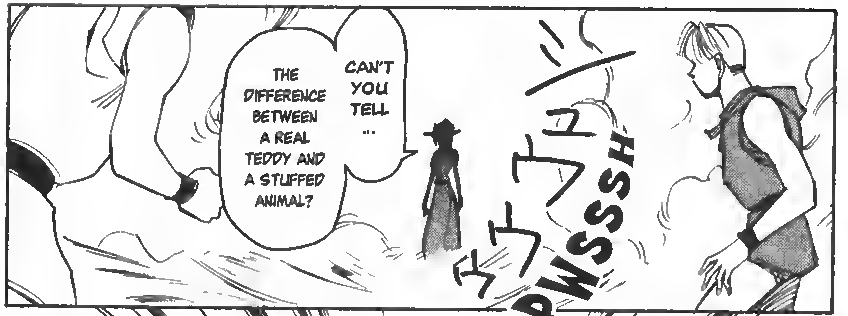
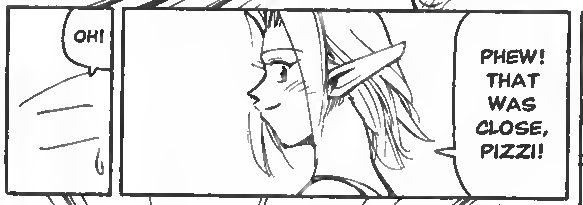
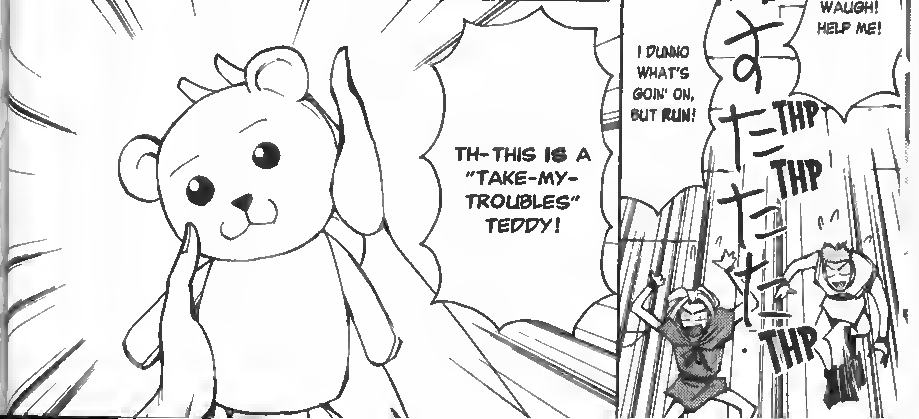
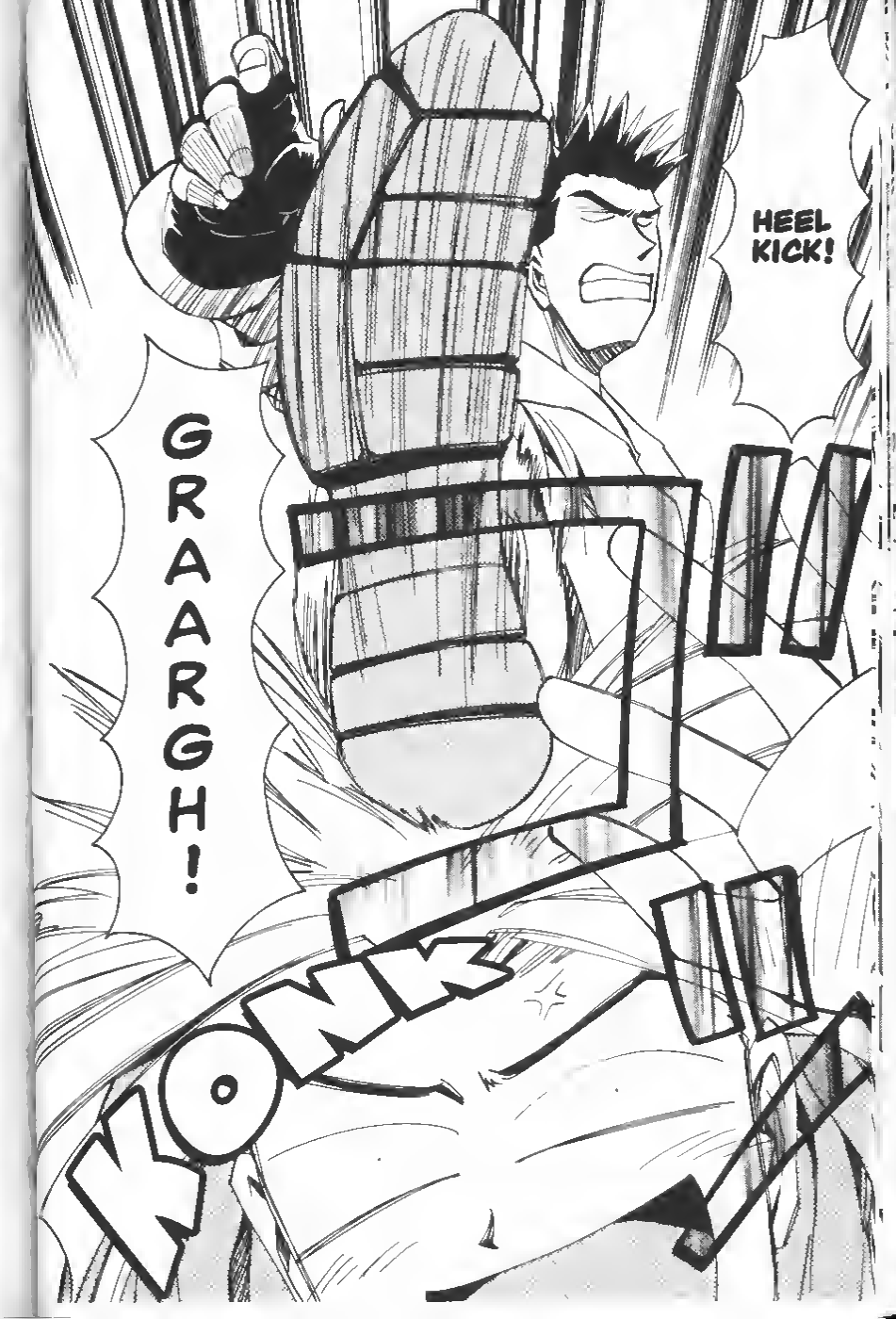

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A REAL TEDDY AND A STUFFED ANIMAL?
CAN'T YOU TELL ...
PWSSSH

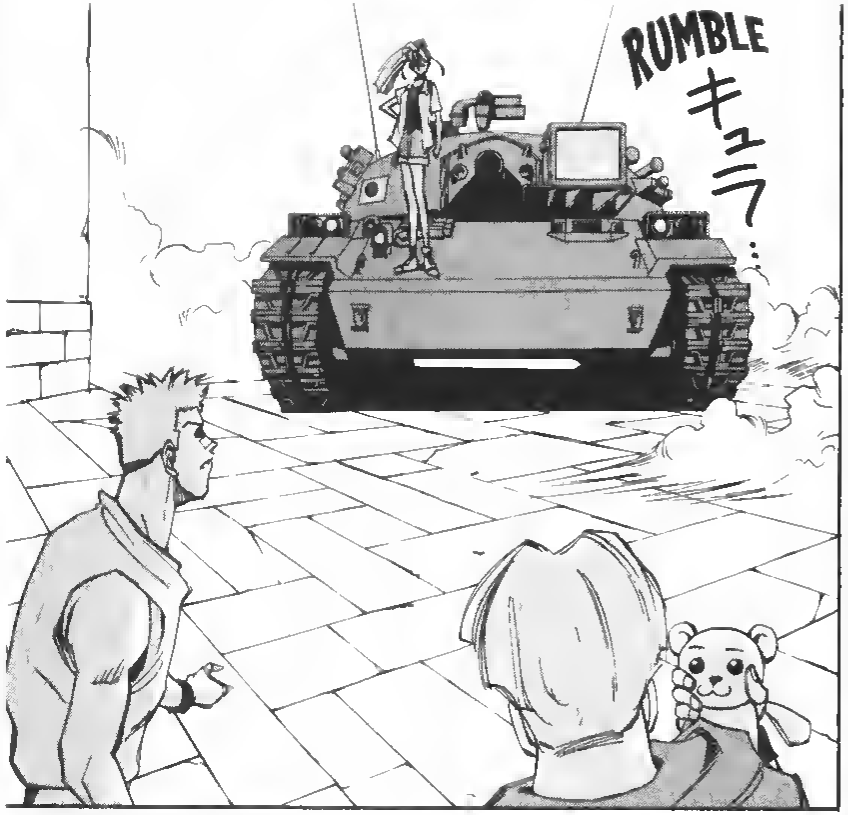
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU...
TO HURT PIZZI!

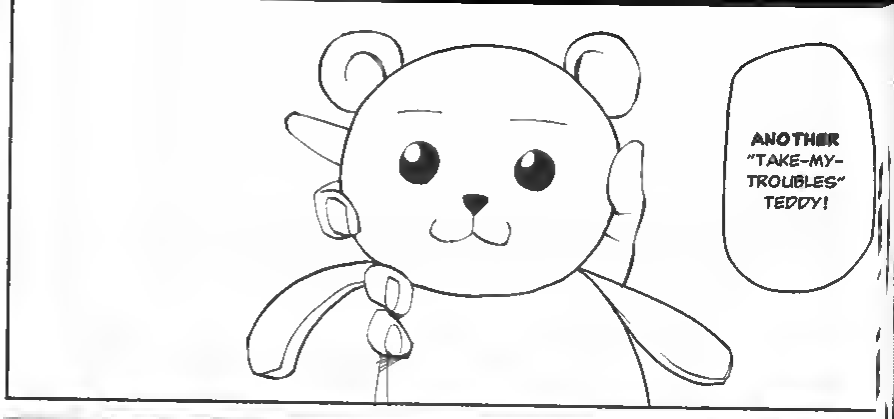

OH!
PHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE, PIZZI!

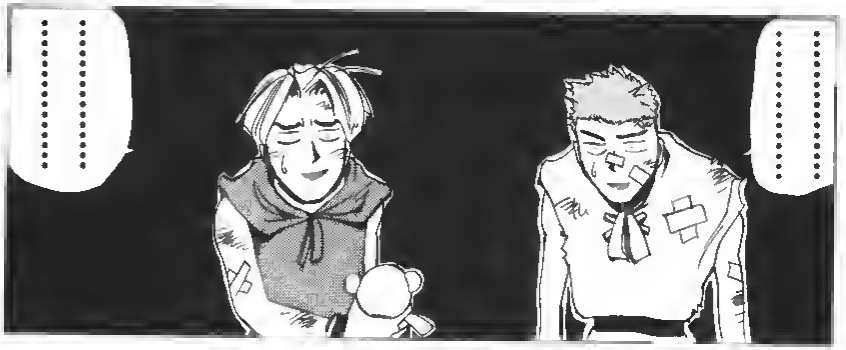

TH-THIS IS A "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY!
I DUNNO WHAT'S GOIN' ON, BUT RUN!
WAUGH! HELP ME!
THP
THP
THP
THP

I'LL GIVE YOU A TASTE OF MY SECRET KARATE TECHNIQUE!
SHP!
PUT THE BEAR DOWN! IF YOU DON'T...
WH-WHY?!
HANG IN THERE.
FSSSH
I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE.
I...
I BOUGHT...
TOTTER
I WAS PREPARED FOR THIS, TOO.


HEEL KICK!
GRAARGH!
KONK!!


RUMBLE
キュラ…


ANOTHER "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY!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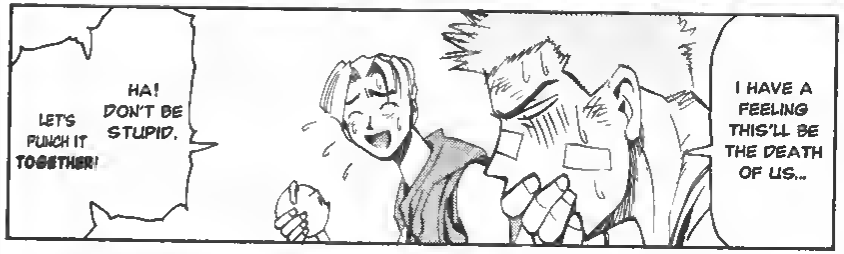
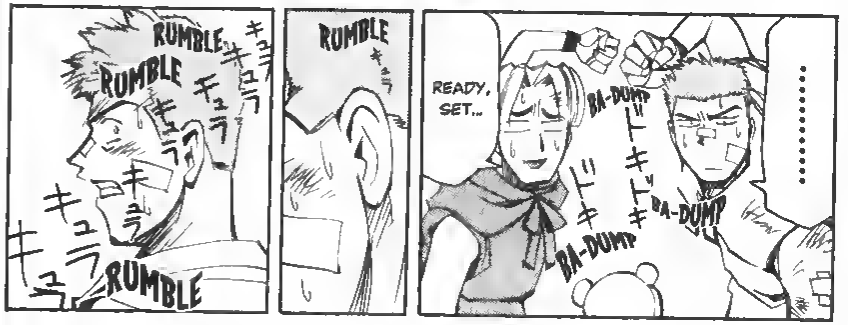

LET'S PUNCH IT TOGETHER!
HA! DON'T BE STUPID.
I HAVE A FEELING THIS'LL BE THE DEATH OF US...


RUMBLE
キュラ
READY, SET..
BA-DUMP
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AND WE'RE BEING SO CAREFUL, TOO...
THEY ALL LOOK LIKE PIZZI!
IT'S SO CONFUSING!
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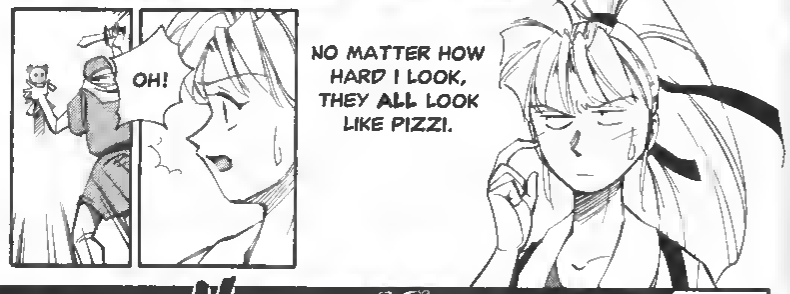
BWORRR


OH!
NO MATTER HOW HARD I LOOK, THEY ALL LOOK LIKE PIZZI.

WATCH OUT, PIZZI!
KA-BOOM!

WHAT WAS THAT?
KA-BOOM!
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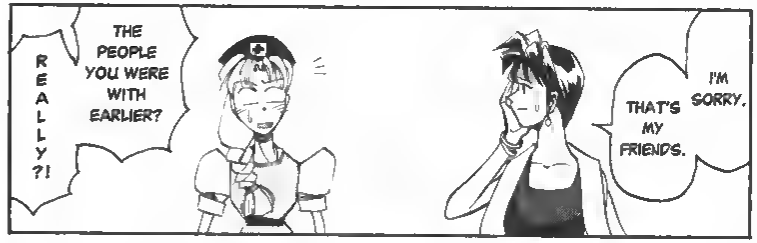
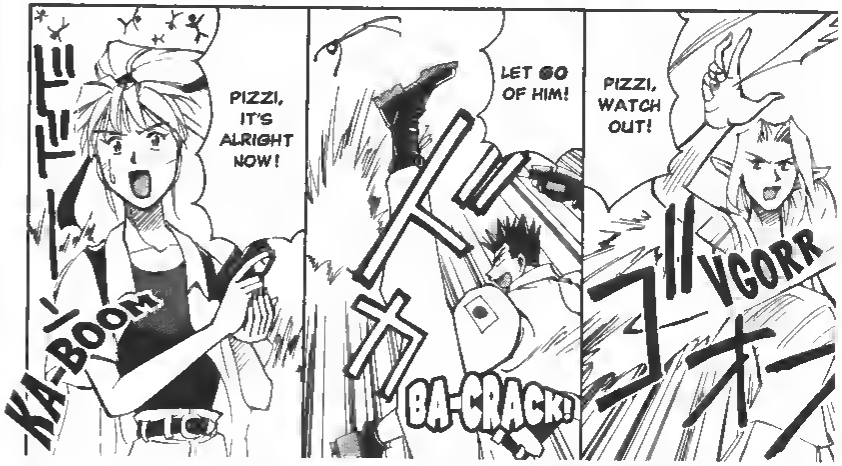
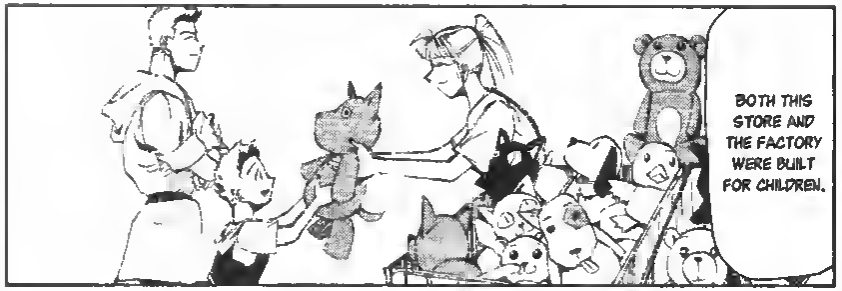
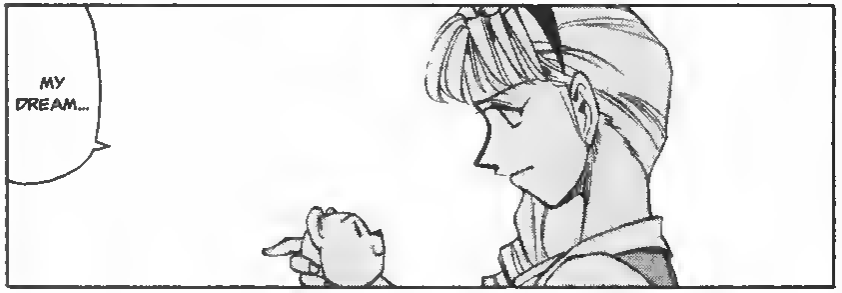

REALLY?!
THE PEOPLE YOU WERE WITH EARLIER?
THAT'S MY FRIENDS.
I'M SORRY.


PIZZI, IT'S ALRIGHT NOW!
KA-BOOM
LET GO OF HIM!
BA-CRACK!
PIZZI, WATCH OUT!
VGORR


BOTH THIS STORE AND THE FACTORY WERE BUILT FOR CHILDREN.


MY DREAM...

WAS TO HELP CHILDREN, TOO.

THIS ISN'T GOING TOO WELL.
RUMBLE
KA-BOOM
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?

IT'S...
IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDIES ARE HAVING THEIR REVENGE, ISN'T IT?

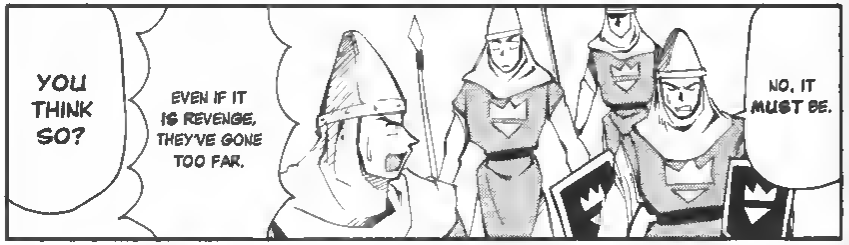
I HAVEN'T BEEN WORKING HERE VERY LONG,
BUT I'VE BEEN HEARING THINGS RECENTLY.
I HEARD THAT THE ORIGINAL "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY BELONGED TO A GIRL.
IT WAS VERY SPECIAL TO HER.

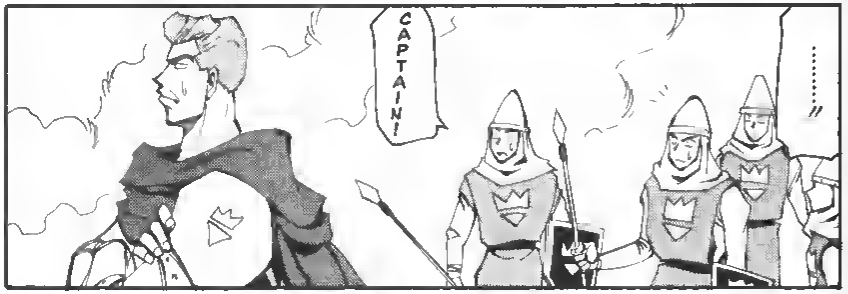
GRECO DIVISION, FALL IN!
HERMAN DIVISION, READY TO DEPLOY!
SWSH
THAT WHICH HAS BEEN ADDED TO OUR STANDARD KIT:
AT ANY RATE, BE SURE TO TAKE IT WITH YOU.
NONE OF THE VICTIMS KNOW WHY THEY'VE BEEN ATTACKED
THE ENEMY'S OBJECTIVE IS UNKNOWN.
GRAARRR!
PIZZI, WATCH OUT!
BWA-BOOOM!
YES, SIR!
SHWP
THE "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY!

HYAA!
GARGH!
SLAM
BWAM!
KA-BOOM
HERE! SMASH ALL THREE OF THESE!
TOSS
RRRUMBLE
OOUCH!
HEY, LET ME BORROW YOUR "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY!
READY, SET!
HEH
HEH
HEH
FEEL MY PAIN!
GAARGH!
KA-BOOM!
PIZZI! WATCH OUT!

GYAAA!
BA-KOOM!!
PIZZI...
(the rest is omitted!)

DON'T SAY THAT!
THIS MIGHT REALLY BE THE TEDDIES' REVENGE...


YOU THINK SO?
EVEN IF IT IS REVENGE, THEY'VE GONE TOO FAR.
NO, IT MUST BE.


CAPTAIN!
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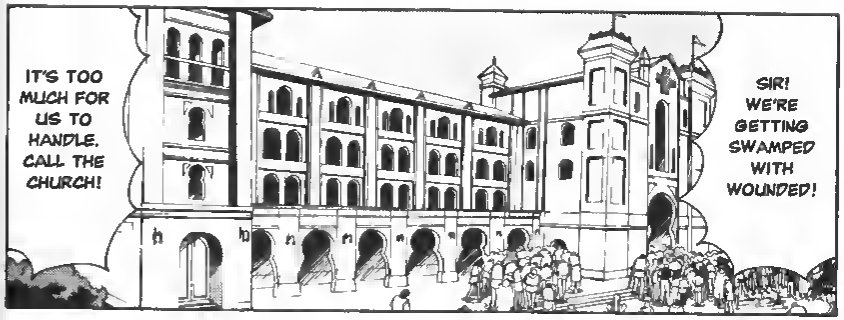
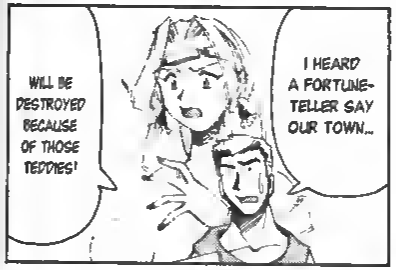
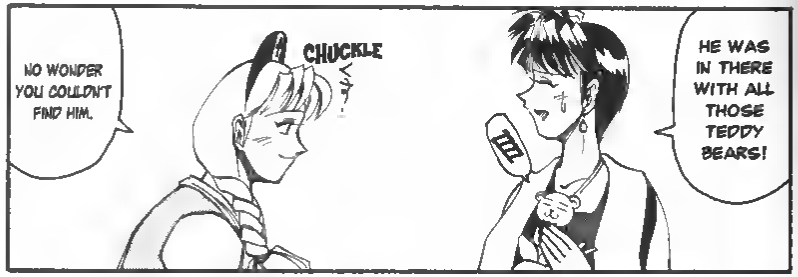

IT'S TOO MUCH FOR US TO HANDLE. CALL THE CHURCH!
SIR! WE'RE GETTING SWAMPED WITH WOUNDED!

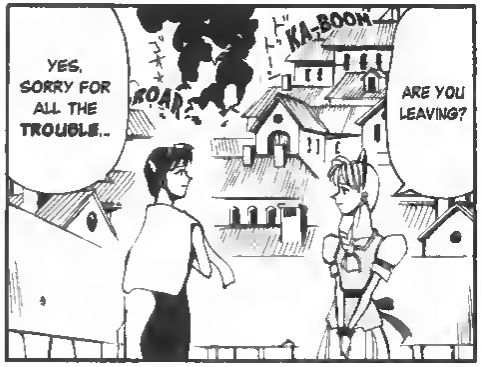

WILL BE DESTROYED BECAUSE OF THOSE TEDDIES!
I HEARD A FORTUNE-TELLER SAY OUR TOWN...

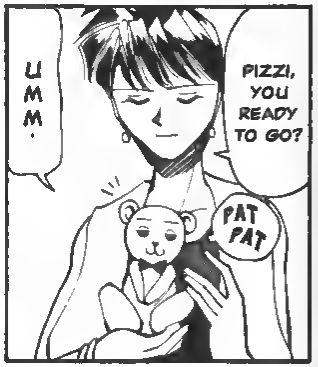
WHAT?
SOME VICTIMS ARE SAYING THEY WERE ATTACKED BECAUSE OF THE "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDY.

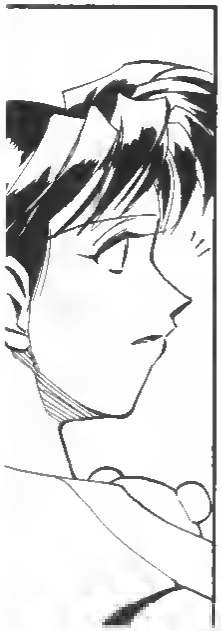
MAY I GIVE THEM TO THE WOUNDED?
SIR! I BROUGHT EVERYTHING WE HAD IN OUR WAREHOUSE.
HEAVE-HO
KIDS THESE DAYS
RUBBISH! GET BACK TO WORK!

GOOD.
HAND THEM OUT, NOW!
TA-DAA
THREE THOUSAND "TAKE-MY-TROUBLES" TEDDIES.


NO WONDER YOU COULDN'T FIND HIM.
CHUCKLE
HE WAS IN THERE WITH ALL THOSE TEDDY BEARS!


YES, SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE..
KA-BOOM
ROAR
ARE YOU LEAVING?


UMM.
PIZZI, YOU READY TO GO?
PAT PAT



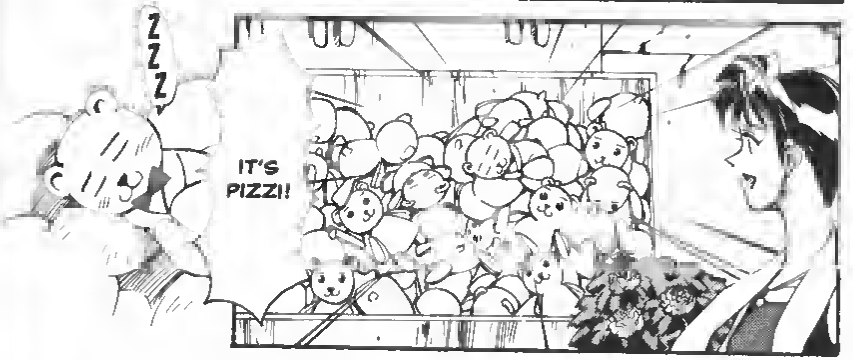
WE'LL BE FINE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US.

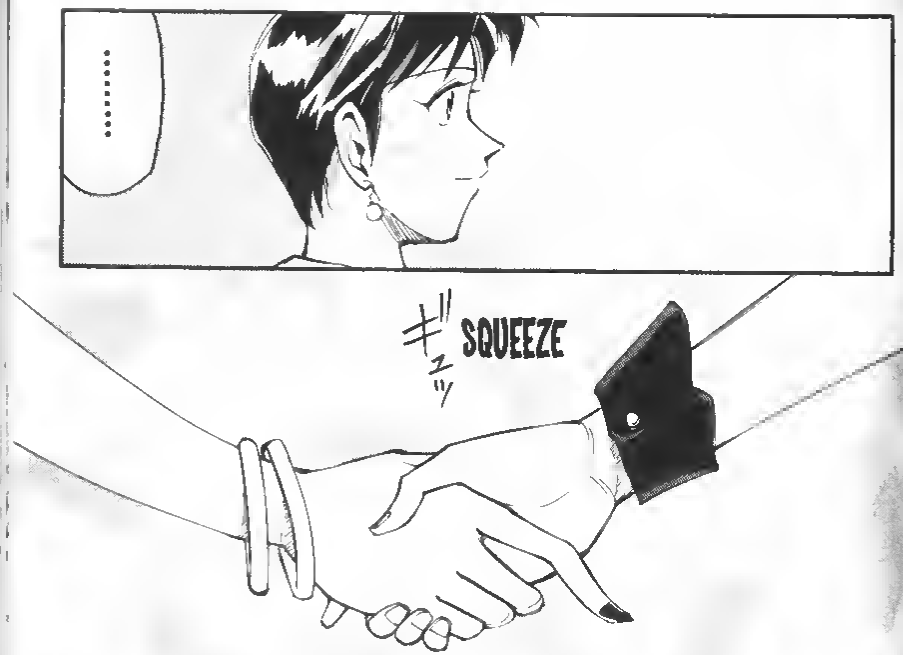
MUST HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE.
THE PAIN AND SUFFERING THEY'VE GONE THROUGH...

EVERYONE'S REALIZED THE SITUATION!
OH, GOOD!
HUH? THINGS ARE QUIETING DOWN.

THAT...
EH?!

UMM.


ZZZ
IT'S PIZZI!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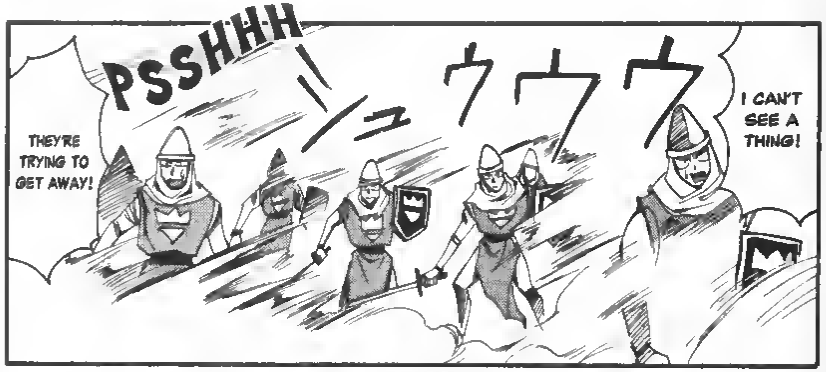
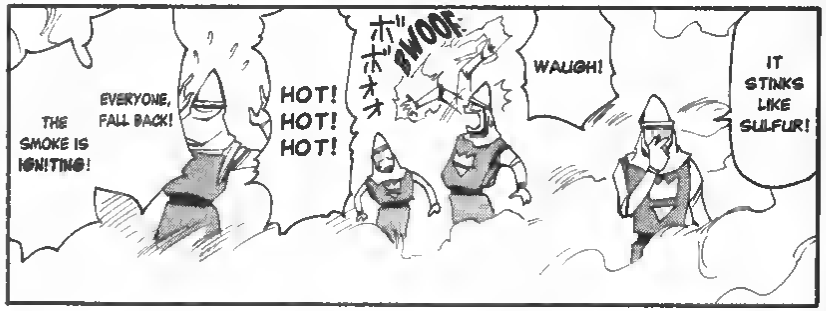
SQUEEZE

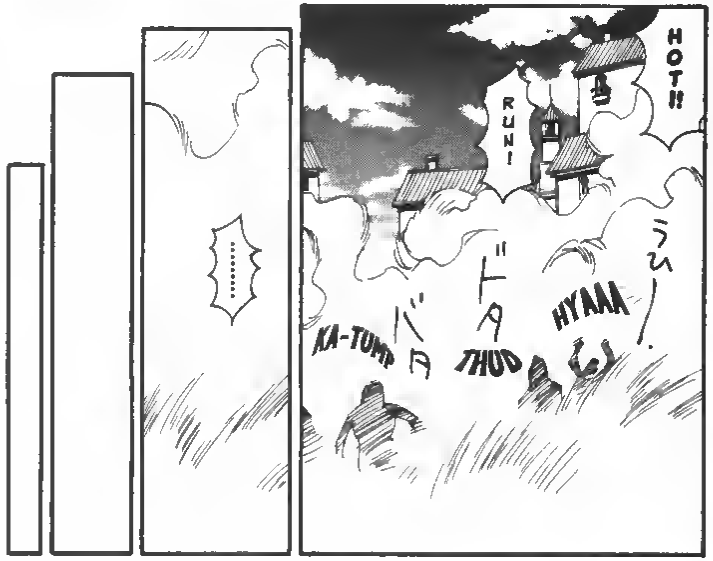
THEY FOUND PIZZI!
THE SIGNAL!

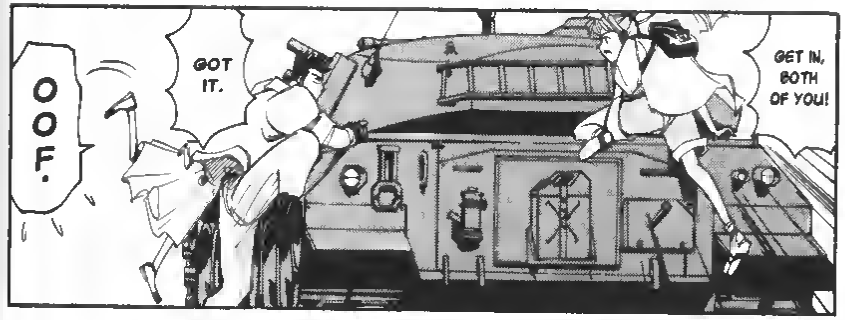
POP!
パーン
ヒュルルルル
SHWEEE

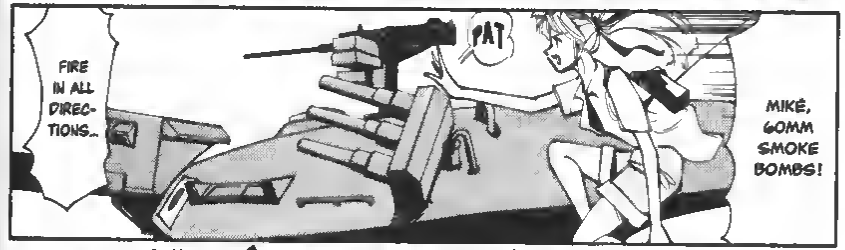
I THINK THIS WAS A GOOD LESSON FOR THE PEOPLE HERE.


PSSHHH
シュウウウ
THEY'RE TRYING TO GET AWAY!
I CAN'T SEE A THING!


EVERYONE, FALL BACK!
THE SMOKE IS IGNITING!
HOT! HOT! HOT!
ボボオオ
BWOOF
WAUGH!
IT STINKS LIKE SULFUR!


HOT!!
RUN!
ハ
ドタ
うひ
KA-TUMP
THUD
HYAAA!

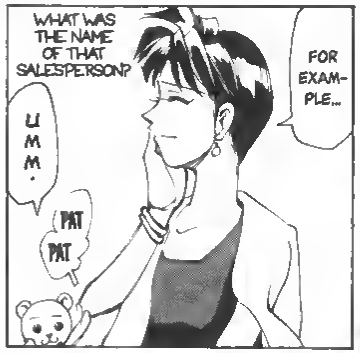

OOF.
GOT IT.
GET IN, BOTH OF YOU!


FIRE IN ALL DIRECTIONS..
PAT
MIKE, GOMM SMOKE BOMBS!

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
MEOW!
NOW!

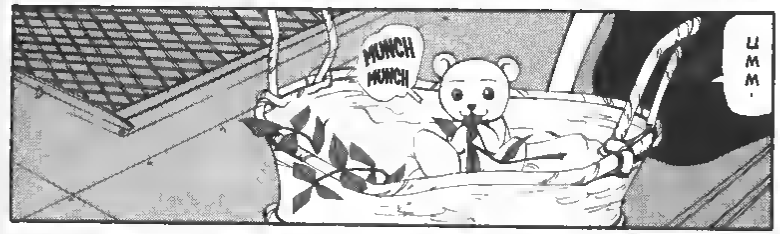
BA-BA-BA-AAAM

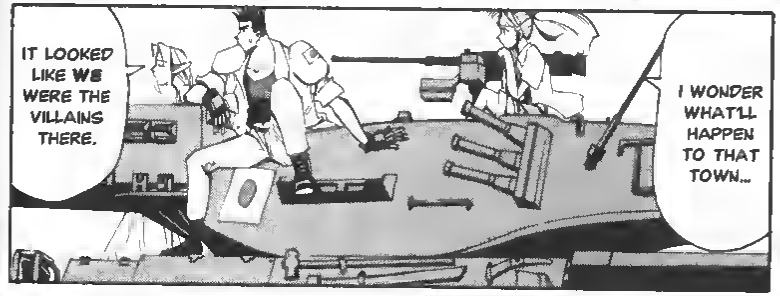
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

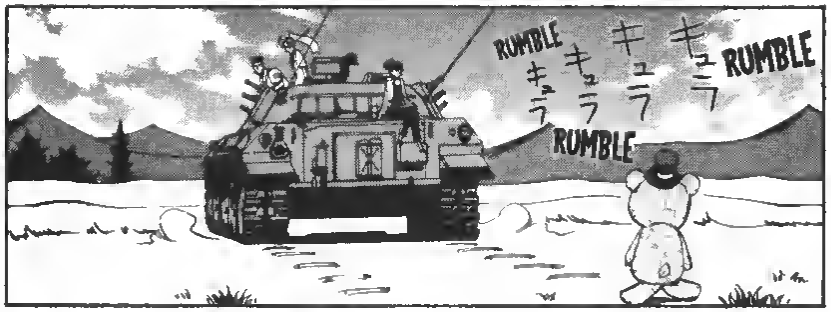

WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THAT SALESPERSON?
UMM.
PAT PAT
FOR EXAM-PLE...

!!

FOR REAL?
AIR!
NOT EVERYONE THOUGHT SO.


MUNCH MUNCH
UMM.


IT LOOKED LIKE WE WERE THE VILLAINS THERE.
I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THAT TOWN...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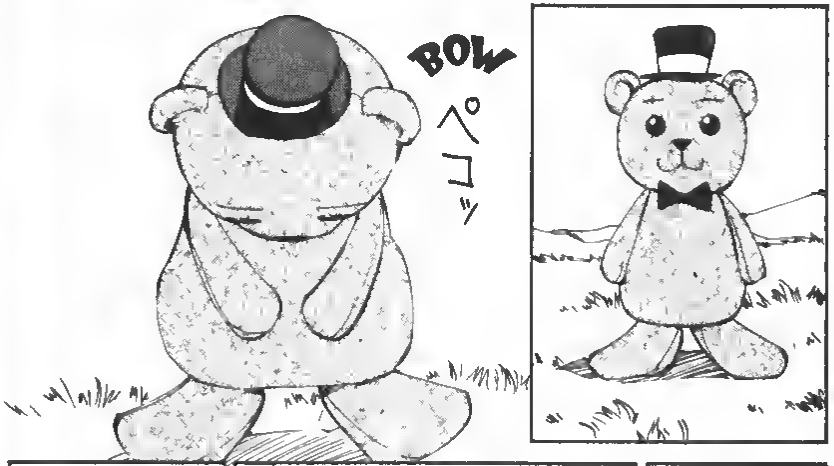
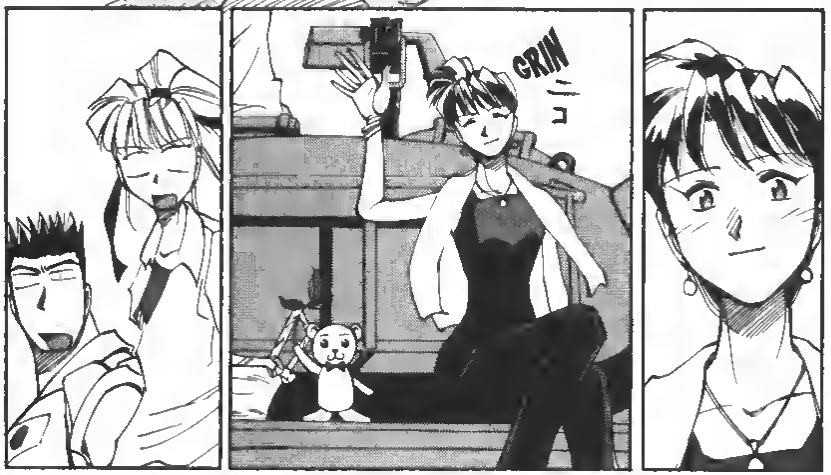
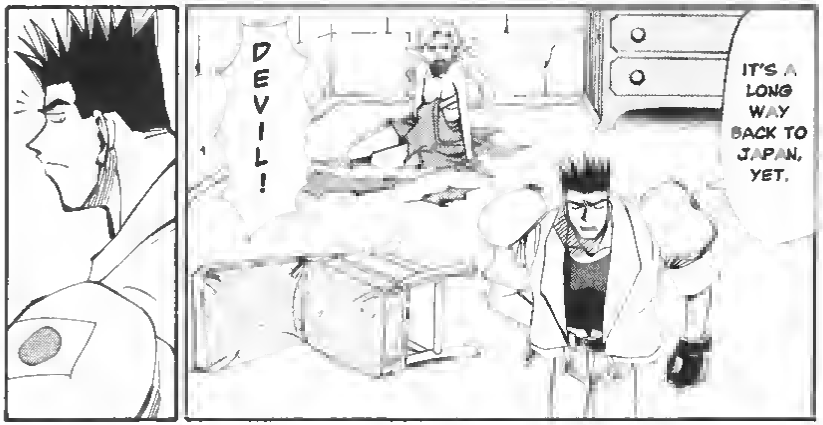

BOW
ペコッ


GRIN
ニコ

THEY... THEY'RE ALIVE!
CELCIA, LOOK!
HM?
GEH!
RUMBLE
キュラ
RUMBLE
キュラ
RUMBLE



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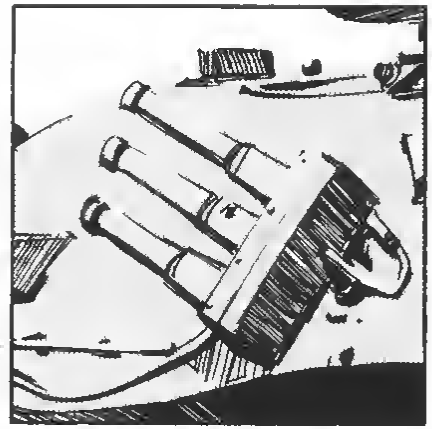
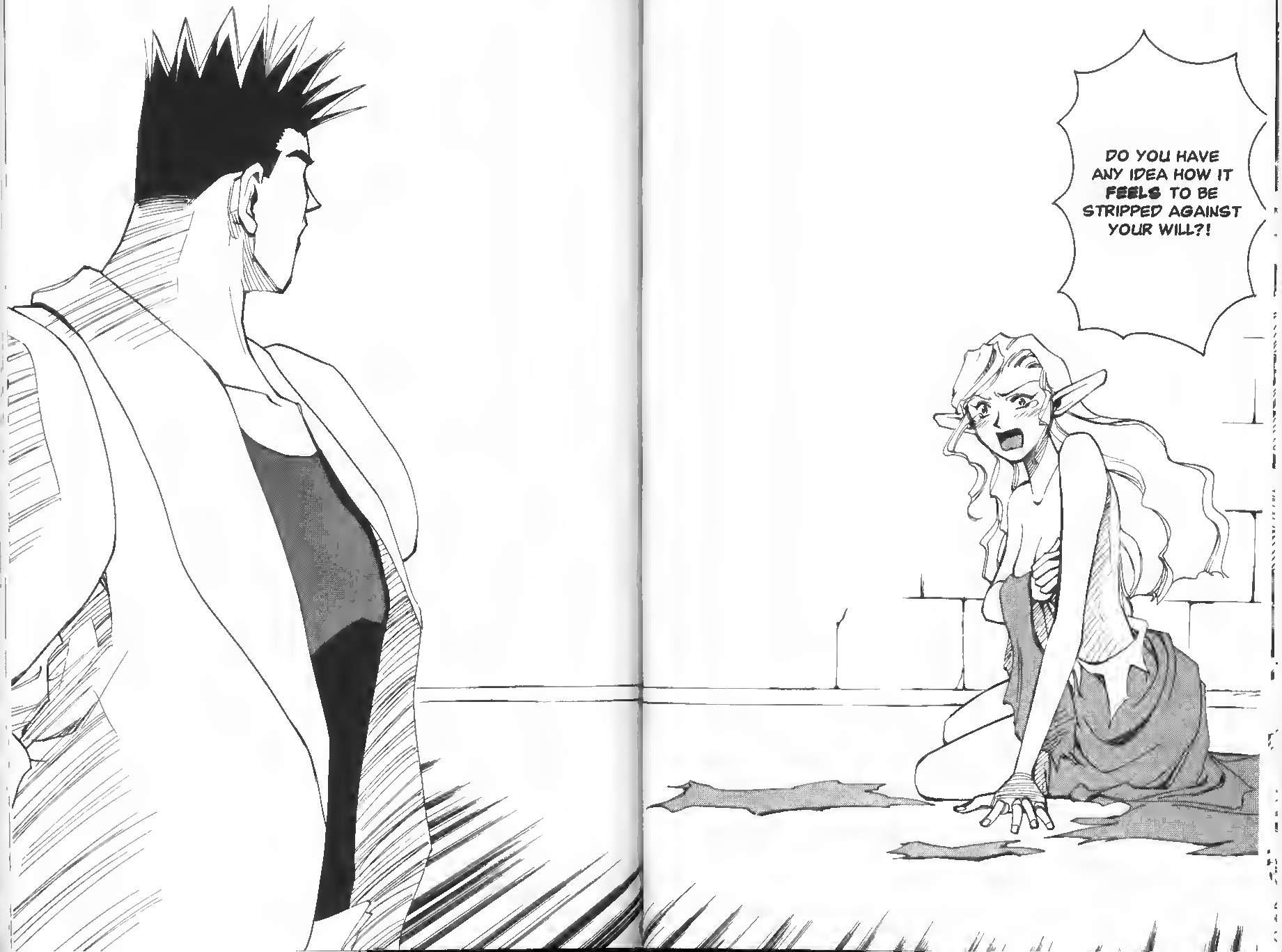
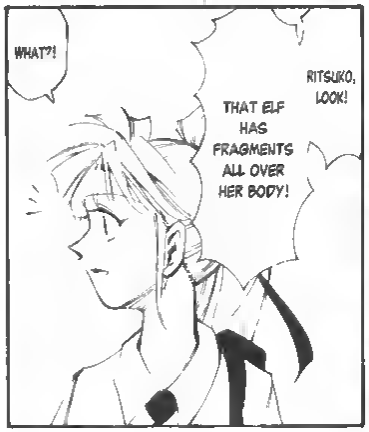
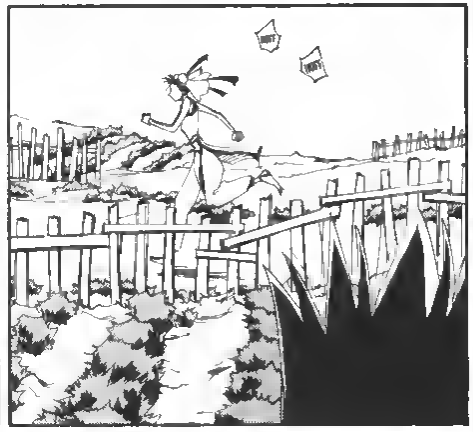
It's actually just easily ignitable— it does NOT spontaneously combust. "It" is yellow phosphorus, the same substance they used to put on the tips of matches (at least, that's what someone told me).

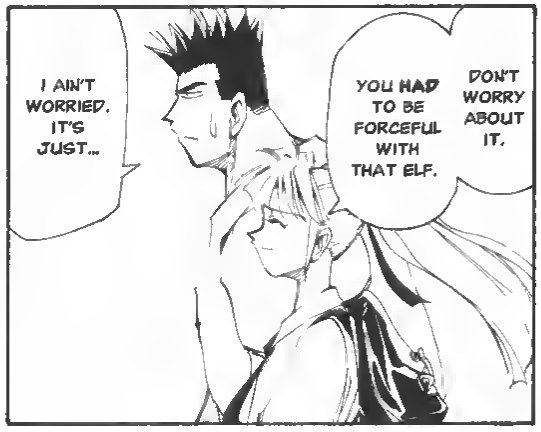



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW IT FEELS TO BE STRIPPED AGAINST YOUR WILL?!

#24 THOSE WHO PROTECT ELVES (SOMETIMES)



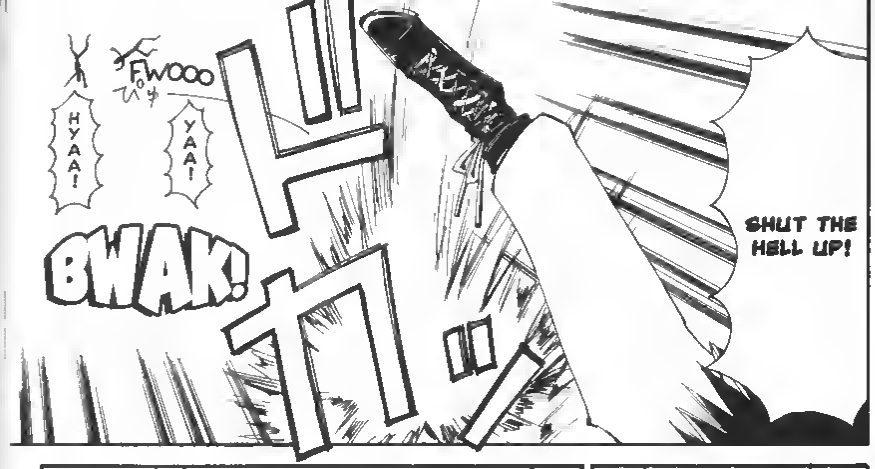


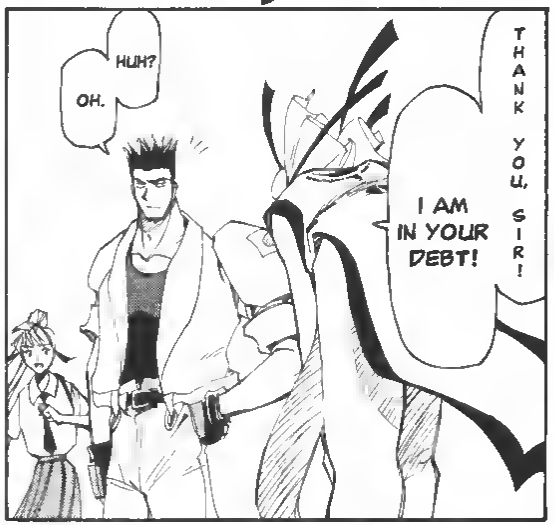


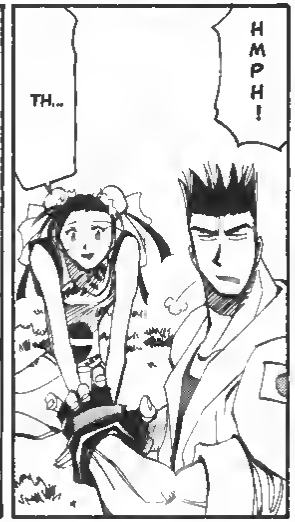
SHOOT!
HYAA!
AIEE!
THWOMP
!!
HOLD IT! WAIT!
BWSH

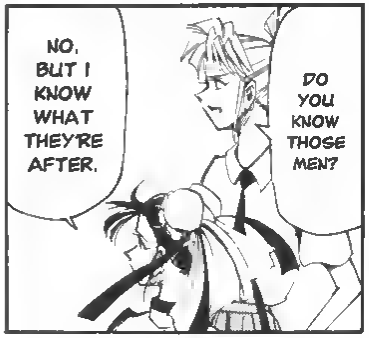
DAMN.
.....

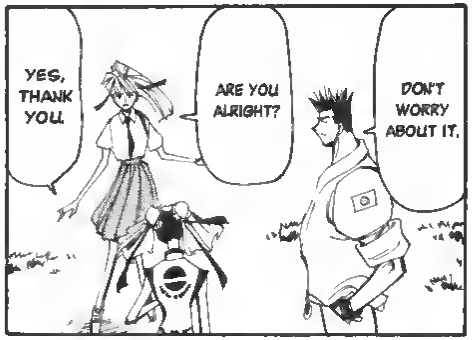
HUFF
HUFF
HM. YOU'RE RIGHT.
AND LOOK AT HER EARS. SHE'S HUMAN.
THAT'S JUST THE DESIGN OF HER CLOTHES.
HUH?
SOMETHING'S WRONG, THOUGH...

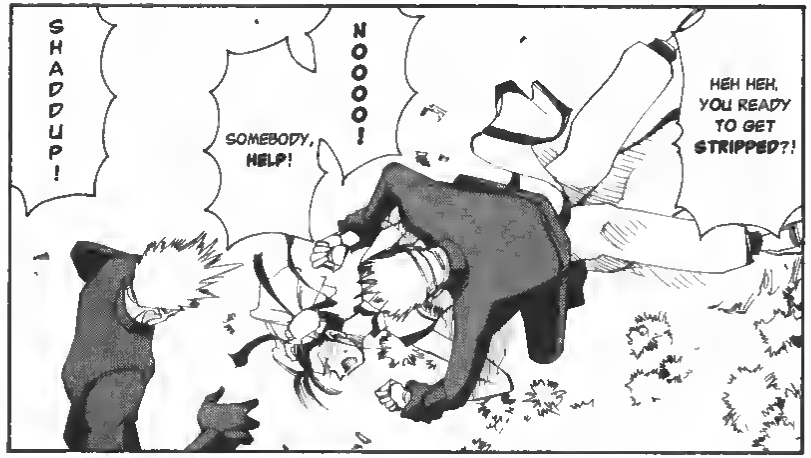

HYAA!
FWOOO
YAA!
BWAK!
SHUT THE HELL UP!


HUH?
OH.
I AM IN YOUR DEBT!
THANK YOU, SIR!


TH..
HMPH!

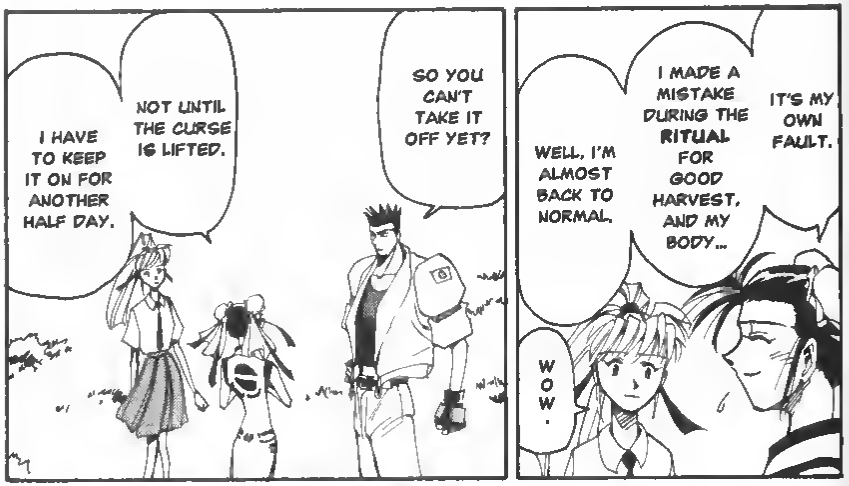

NO, BUT I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE AFTER.
DO YOU KNOW THOSE MEN?


YES, THANK YOU.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.


SHADDUP!
NOOOO!
SOMEBODY, HELP!
HEH HEH, YOU READY TO GET STRIPPED?!

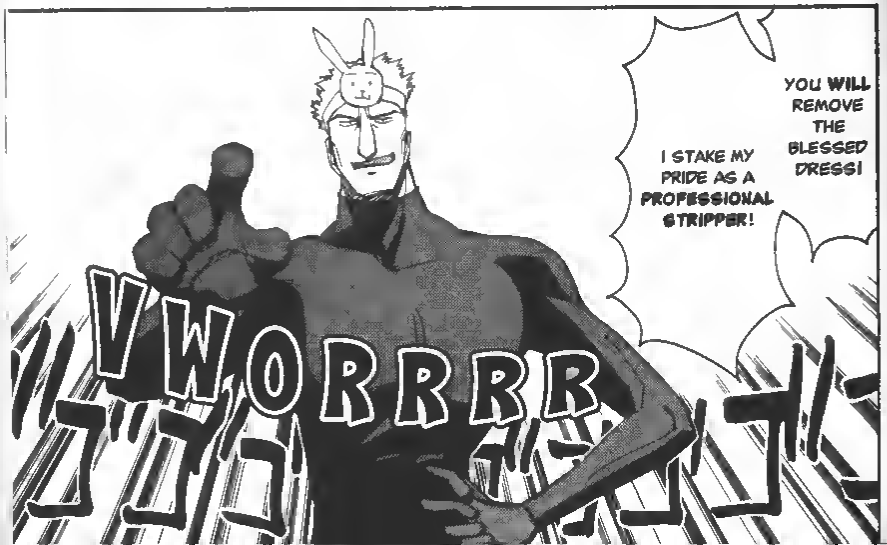
!
HEY! YOU TWO!

GET IN LINE!
YOU WANNA JOIN US, BRO?
HUH?
WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO STRIP SOMEONE BY FORCE?

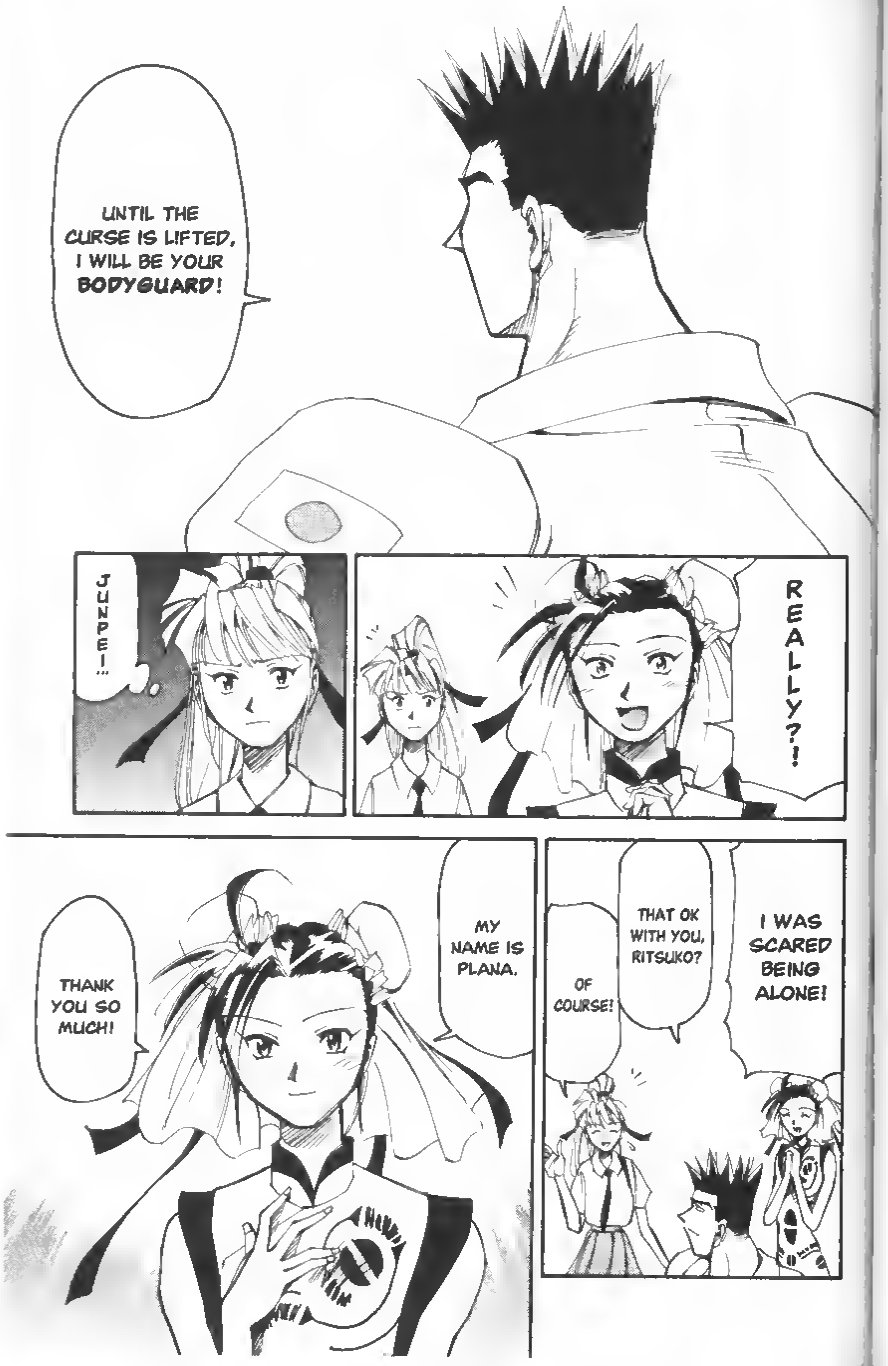

I HAVE TO KEEP IT ON FOR ANOTHER HALF DAY.
NOT UNTIL THE CURSE IS LIFTED.
SO YOU CAN'T TAKE IT OFF YET?

WOW.
WELL, I'M ALMOST BACK TO NORMAL.
I MADE A MISTAKE DURING THE RITUAL FOR GOOD HARVEST, AND MY BODY...
IT'S MY OWN FAULT.

!!
ENOUGH OF THIS BABBLING!


I STAKE MY PRIDE AS A PROFESSIONAL STRIPPER!
YOU WILL REMOVE THE BLESSED DRESS!
WORRRR
ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ

THIS IS THE BLESSED DRESS.
AN ITEM OF GREAT POWER.
WHOEVER WEARS IT IS FREED FROM ALL CURSES.
DID SOMEONE PUT A CURSE ON YOU?
"CURSES"?


UNTIL THE CURSE IS LIFTED, I WILL BE YOUR BODYGUARD!
JUNPEI...
REALLY?!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
MY NAME IS PLANA.
OF COURSE!
THAT OK WITH YOU, RITSUKO?
I WAS SCARED BEING ALONE!

HMBLEH!
KONK
HEEL KICK!
GARGH...
I-I'M SORRY.
IN THE STRIPPING BUSINESS, IT'S THE ULTIMATE PRIZE.
YOU WANT THE DRESS THAT BAD, HUH?
THE STRIPPING BUSINESS?
AAA
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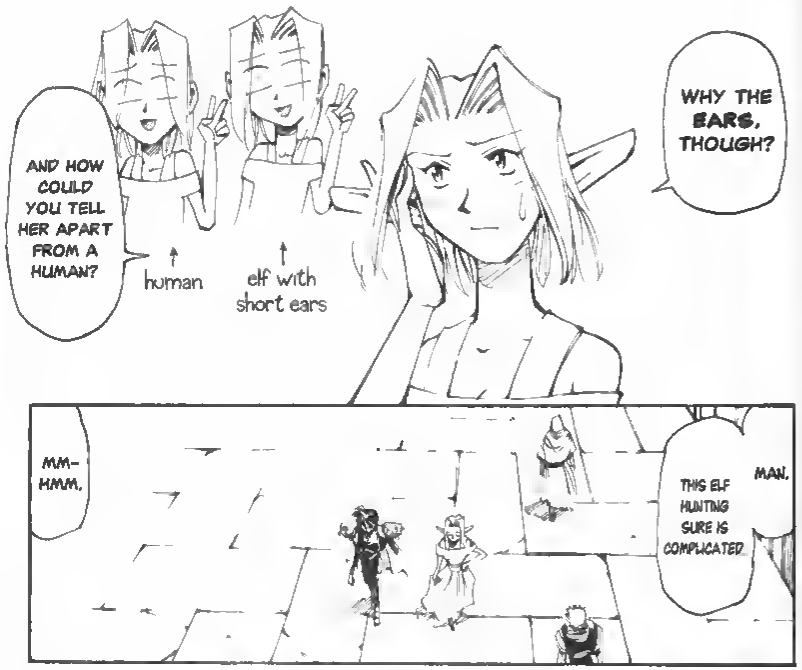
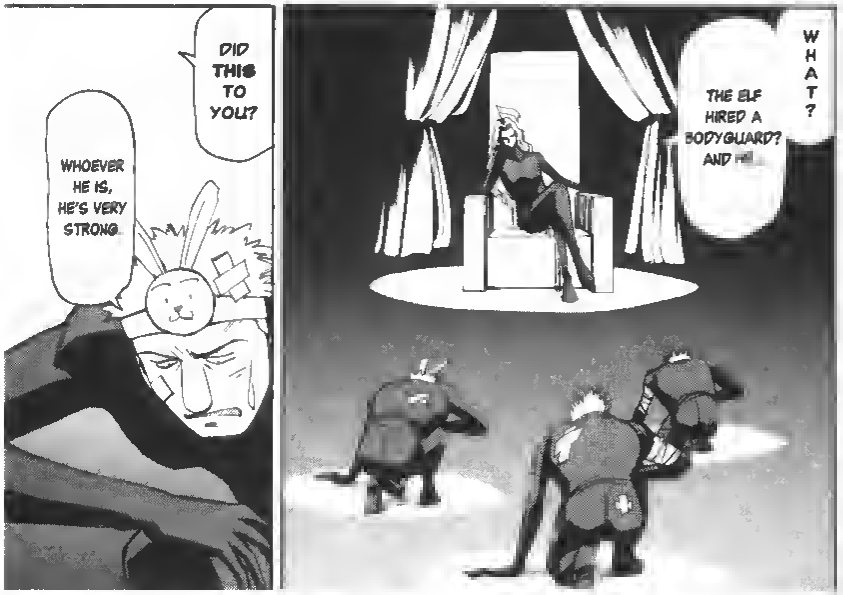
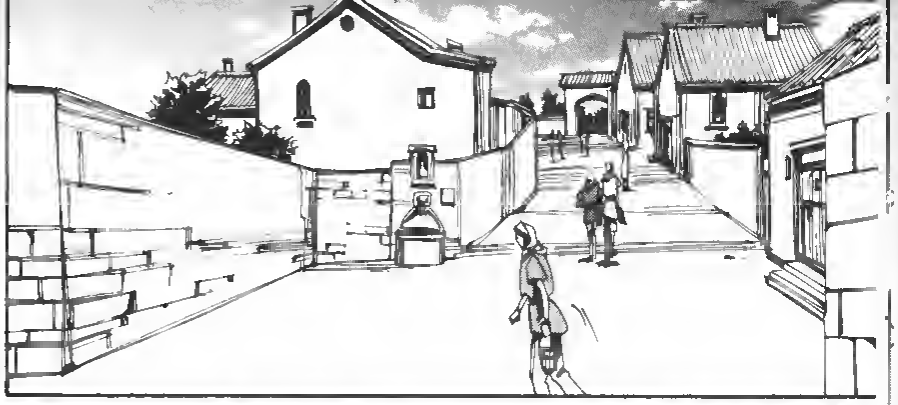
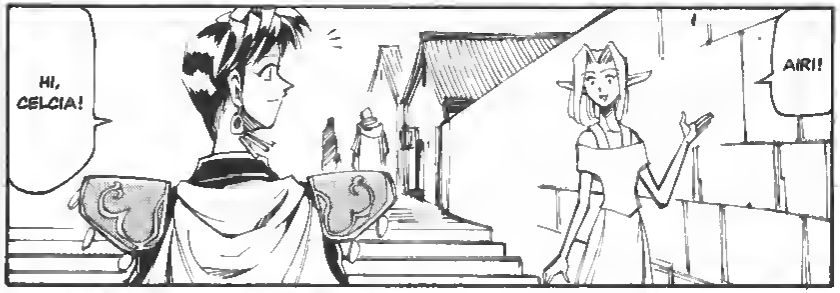
CRACK!
GET LOST!
THEN IT'S DECIDED.
BUT THEY KEEP COMING AFTER IT...
I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY LEARNED OF THE DRESS,


WHY THE EARS, THOUGH?
AND HOW COULD YOU TELL HER APART FROM A HUMAN?
human
elf with short ears
MM-HMM.
MAN, THIS ELF HUNTING SURE IS COMPLICATED.

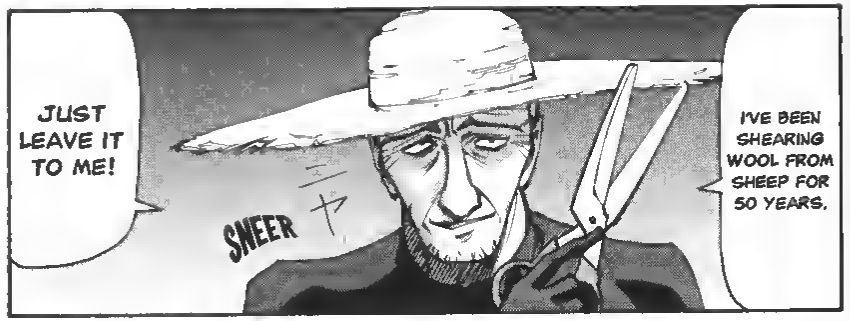

DID THIS TO YOU?
WHOEVER HE IS, HE'S VERY STRONG.
WHAT?
THE ELF HIRED A BODYGUARD? AND HE!

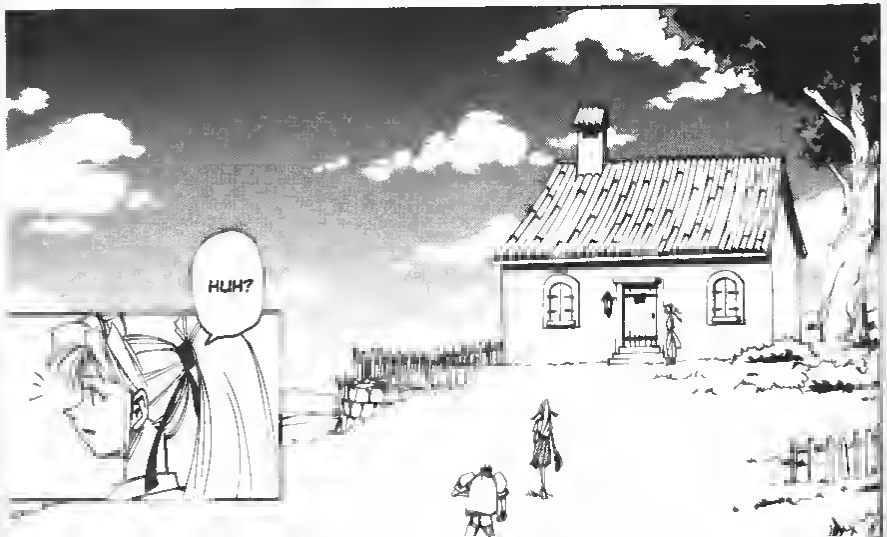



HI, CELCIA!
AIRI!

BUT THEY SAY THERE'S AN ELF WITH SHORT EARS.
IT MAY NOT BE RELATED TO THE FRAGMENTS.
I HEARD A STRANGE RUMOR.
ANYTHING?
SHE MADE A MISTAKE DURING A SPELL AND GOT CURSED WITH SHORT EARS.
HUH?

YES, SIR!
YOU MUST STRIP IT FROM HER! SHOW THEM THE BEAUTY OF OUR CRAFT!
DO NOT MERELY STEAL THE DRESS-


JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
SNEER
I'VE BEEN SHEARING WOOL FROM SHEEP FOR 50 YEARS.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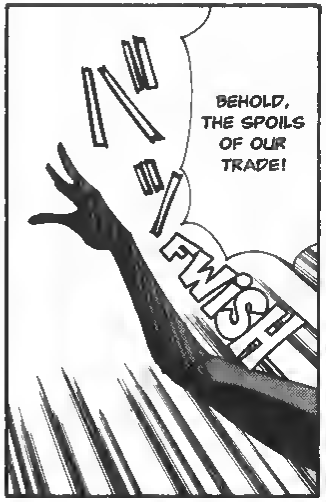
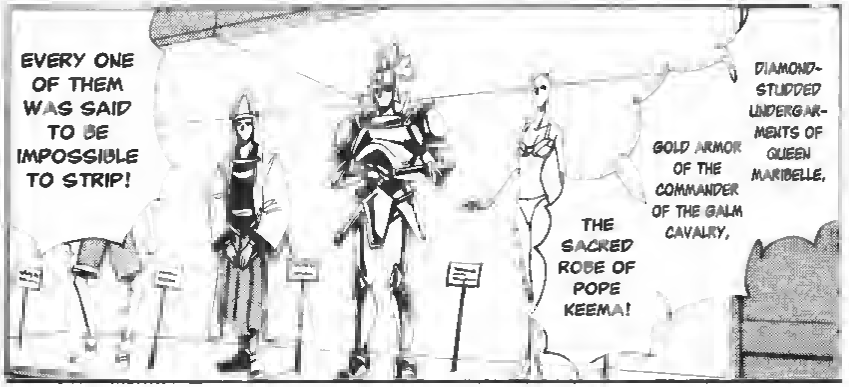
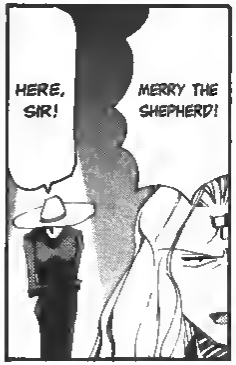
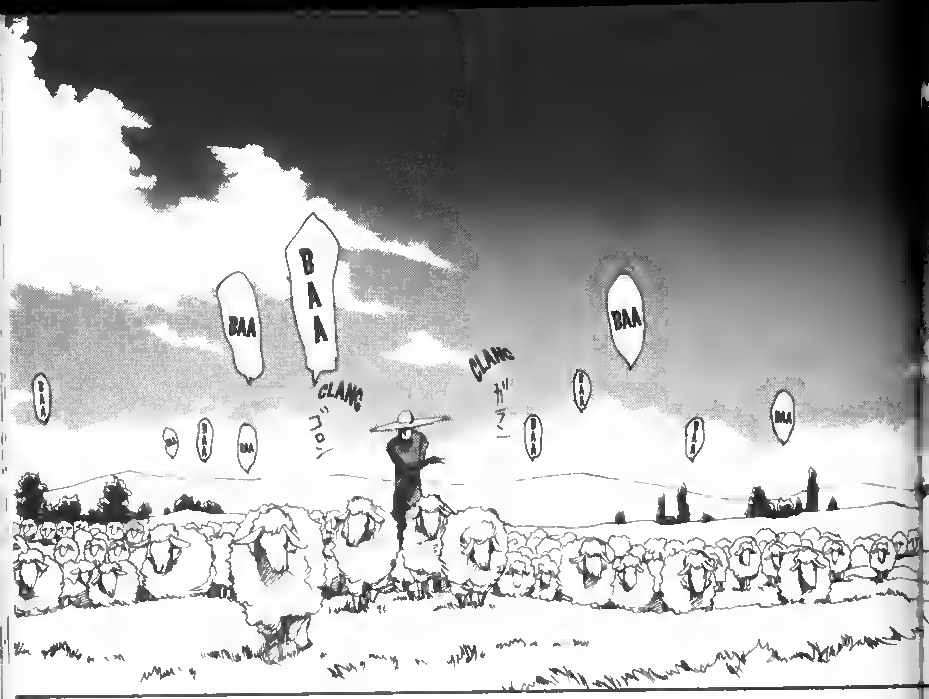

FWISH
BEHOLD, THE SPOILS OF OUR TRADE!

INTERESTING!
WE WILL STRIP YOU
HEH HEH
THIS MAKES IT EVEN MORE WORTHWHILE!


EVERY ONE OF THEM WAS SAID TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO STRIP!
THE SACRED ROBE OF POPE KEEMA!
GOLD ARMOR OF THE COMMANDER OF THE GALM CAVALRY,
DIAMOND-STUDDED UNDERGAR-MENTS OF QUEEN MARIBELLE,


HERE, SIR!
MERRY THE SHEPHERD!

WE WILL STRIP YOU
ONCE WE HAVE THE BLESSED DRESS IN OUR COLLECTION,
WE WILL HAVE CONQUERED THE MARKET!


BAA
BAA
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CLANG
ガラン
CLANG
ガラン

YUP. THAT'S A LOT OF SHEEP.
LOOK AT THEM ALL!

I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
SHOOT 'IM.
RI-SUKO.
K-CHAK
チャッ

HIM?
WHAT?
OH, NO! HE'S A STRIPPER!
THE SHEPHERD USES HIS FLOCK TO HEM IN HIS VICTIMS, AND THEN PRUNES OFF THEIR CLOTHING WITH HIS SCISSORS! HE'S A MASTER STRIPPER!

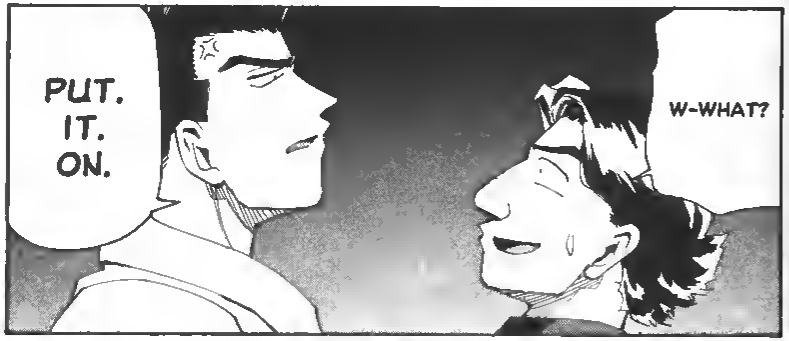
JUNPEI! RITSUKO! YOU'RE FANTASTIC!
AN... ELF?
THAT ELF WE SAW THIS MORNING PUT UP MORE OF A FIGHT THAN HIM.
PIECE OF CAKE.
YOU BEAT THE STRIPPER SO EASILY!
ACTUALLY, WE'RE LOOKING FOR ELVES SO WE CAN GO BACK TO WHERE WE CAME FROM.
YEAH.
YOU'RE THE NOTORIOUS...?!
WHAT?!

A SNIPER TOOK OUT HIS SHEARS, AND BEFORE HE COULD RECOVER, SOMEONE KICKED HIM MIGHTILY FROM BEHIND.
GRR.
VERY WELL. THE NEXT ASSASSIN SHALL BE...
GLEAM
WE WILL STRIP YOU
WHAT?!
THWUP
PSSHHH
MERRY THE SHEPHERD WAS DEFEATED!
HERE, SIR!
THE MAN WHO STRIPPED A KING!
SNEER
THIS "ROBE THAT CAN'T BE SEEN BY FOOLS" WILL WORK FOR SURE.

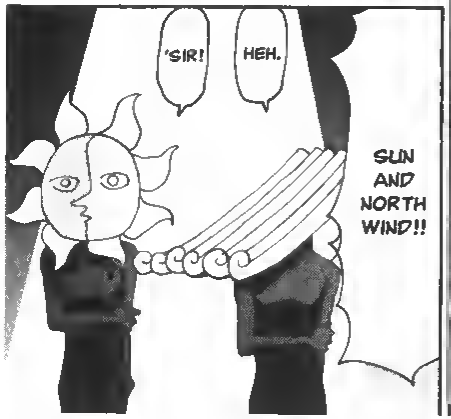
I'VE HEARD OF THEM! THE VICIOUS ALIENS WHO STRIP ELVES!
O-OF COURSE NOT.
NOTHING TOO BAD, RIGHT?
WHAT, YOU'VE HEARD OF US?
HA HA HA...
THAT'S RIGHT!
LOOK, RELAX. WE ONLY STRIP ELVES.

THESE PEOPLE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT THAT I AM AN ELF.
I SEE!
I HOPE YOU'RE READY!
BANG
BANG
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEY, YOU'RE AN ELF!
BUT ONCE MY EARS GROW BACK...
HEY, PLANA! WHERE YA GOIN'?!
TWITCH
I CAN'T SHOW MY NAKED BODY AGAINST MY WILL.
I HAVE TO SNEAK OUT OF HERE.
YEAH. YOU SHOULD TAKE IT EASY.
LET US DO THAT.
UH... JUST GETTING SOME WATER.

THIS DRESS HAS...
A SPECIAL CHARACTERISTIC. FOOLS CANNOT SEE IT!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU PUT IT ON?


W-WHAT?
PUT. IT. ON.

VERY WELL.
THEN, SEND IN THE LEGENDARY STRIPPING DUO.


SUN AND NORTH WIND!!
HEH.
'SIR!

THE MAN WHO STRIPPED A KING WAS DEFEATED!
HE RETURNED CRYING AND COMPLETELY STRIPPED!
WHAT THE...?!
FWUP

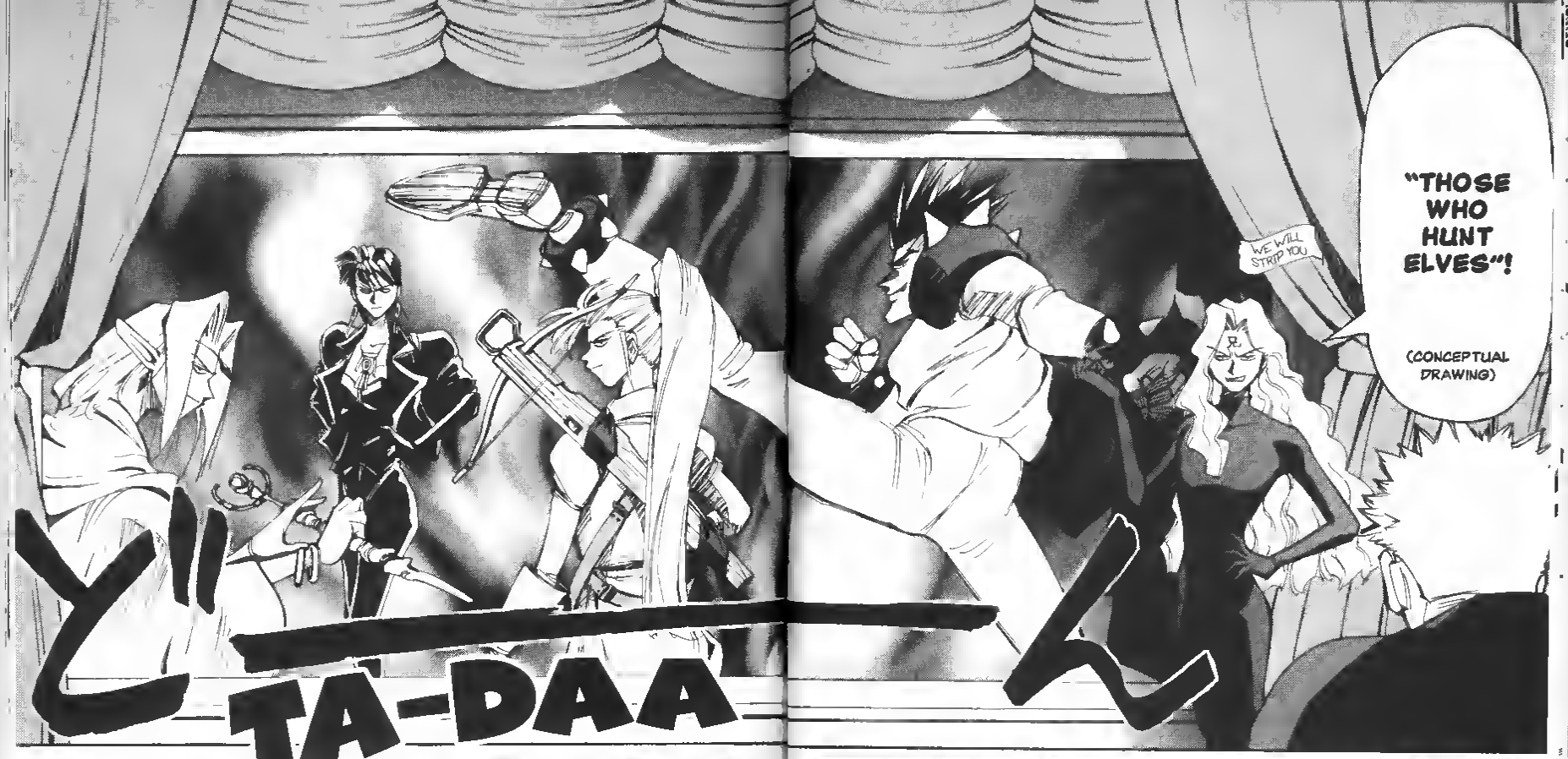
TO PROTECT YOU, WE'LL BE KEEPING OUR EYES ON YOU ALL THE TIME!
THAT'S RIGHT.
TH-THANK YOU.
EEEK! NO WAY TO ESCAPE!!

HELLO!
KNOCK KNOCK

I'M A TRAVELING SALESMAN.
CAN I INTEREST YOU IN THIS GORGEOUS DRESS?
WHAT?!

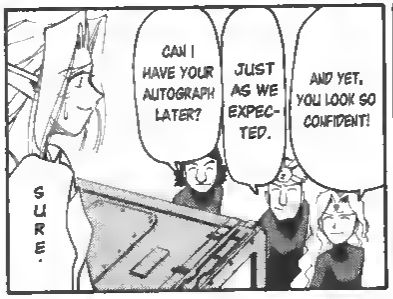
?!
NO. NOT YET.
SUN WAS OUR ACE IN THE HOLE. WITH HER DEFEATED, WE HAVE TO GIVE UP.
WE STILL HAVE ONE RESOURCE LEFT TO US THAT'S GUARANTEED NOT TO FAIL!
SIR! YOU MEAN... THOSE PEOPLE?!
WE WILL STRIP YOU
THAT'S RIGHT!
THEIR NAME:
THEY WHO ARE THE VERY ESSENCE OF STRIPPING! DISROBING DEITIES THAT HAVE MADE THIS WORLD TREMBLE WITH THEIR MIGHT!

SCUFF
RRRUMBLE
DON'T WORRY. I'VE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF IT.
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE UP NEXT.
HOW CAN THEY DEFEAT OUR EXPERT STRIPPERS SO EASILY?!
IMPOSSIBLE!
WHAAAAT?!
GRR
NORTH WIND WAS COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE. SUN FELL INTO A HOLE AND WAS INCAPACITATED!
SUN AND NORTH WIND WERE DEFEATED!


"THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES"!
(CONCEPTUAL DRAWING)
WE WILL STRIP YOU
TA-DAA
A GODDESS OF THEATER, AND A GODDESS OF MAGIC!
A MILITARY GODDESS,
A FIGHTING GOD,
HEH HEH! THEY ARE INVINCIBLE!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

REAL VILLAINS DON'T LOOK LIKE "VILLAINS." THIS'LL BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO LEARN
WE WILL STRIP YOU
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
WHISPER WHISPER
YEAH. AND THE GIRLS ARE BABES!
CONTRARY TO WHAT WE HEARD, THEY'RE NICE PEOPLE.

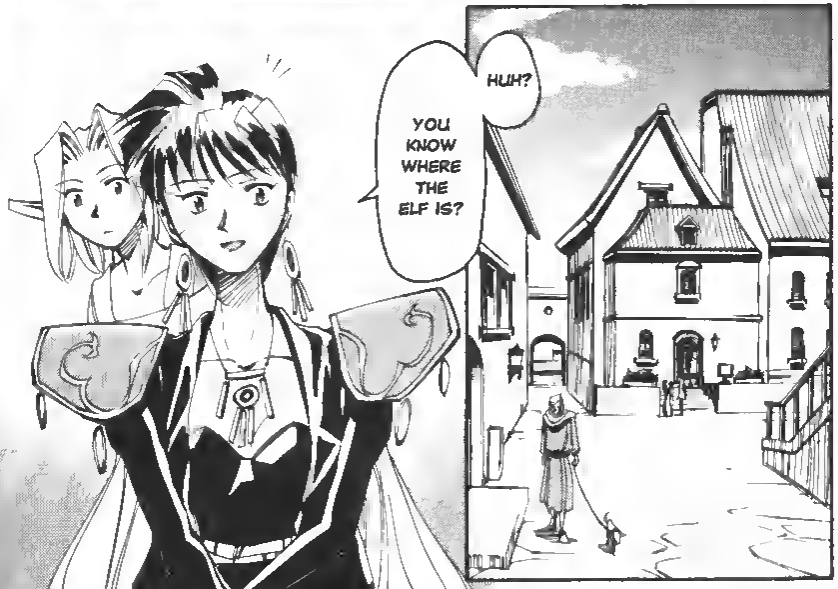

SURE.
CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH LATER?
JUST AS WE EXPEC-TED.
AND YET, YOU LOOK SO CONFIDENT!

YES. TWO OF US ARE AWAY ON ANOTHER MISSION.
UM, I'D HEARD THAT THERE WERE FOUR OF YOU...
WE WILL STRIP YOU

WHISPER WHISPER
THEY'RE GOING TO TRY AND USE US.
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THESE GUYS.

I'LL ASK THEM TO BE OUR MOST HONORED ADVISERS, TO TEACH AND TO TRAIN US!
WE WILL STRIP YOU
I'VE HEARD THAT THEY'RE STAYING AT A HOTEL NEAR HERE.
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP

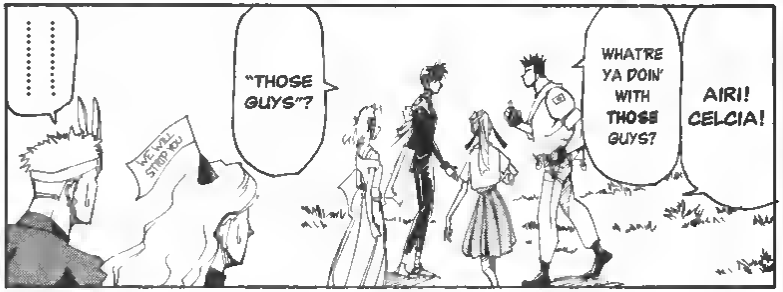
FOOL! I'M GOING TO MEET THEM NOW!
CHAIRMAN! HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THEM?!

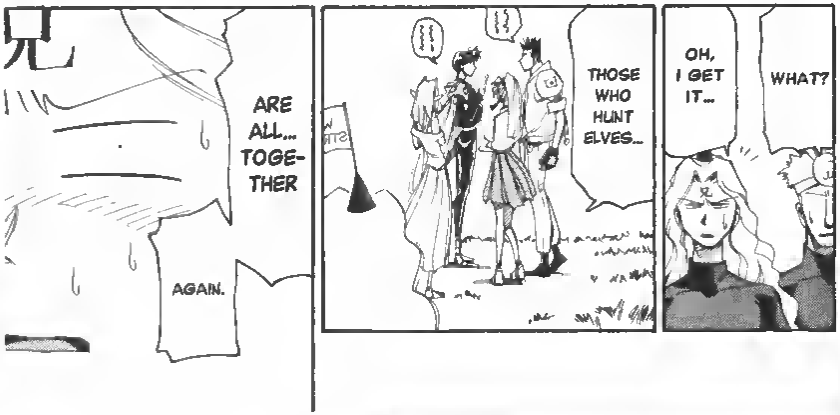

YOU KNOW WHERE THE ELF IS?
HUH?

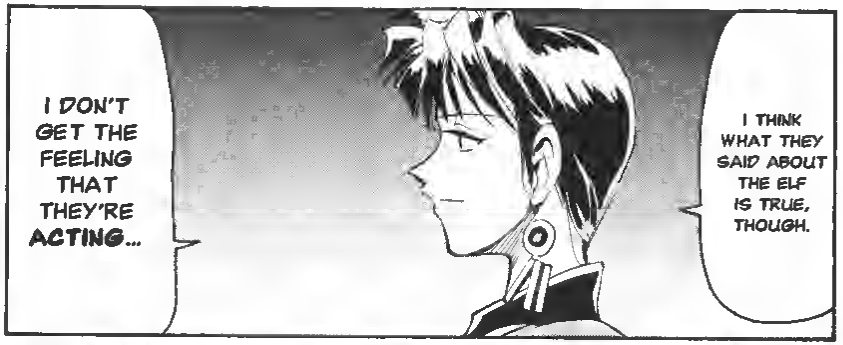
THANK YOU FOR THIS INFORM-ATION!
GREAT!
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
YES! SHE'S HIRED BODYGUARDS AND GONE INTO HIDING.

AND JUNPEI.
HEY, IT'S RITSUKO!
WE WILL STRIP YOU
MISS CELCIA! MISS AIRI! PLEASE BEAT THE HELL OUT OF THOSE TWO IDIOTS!

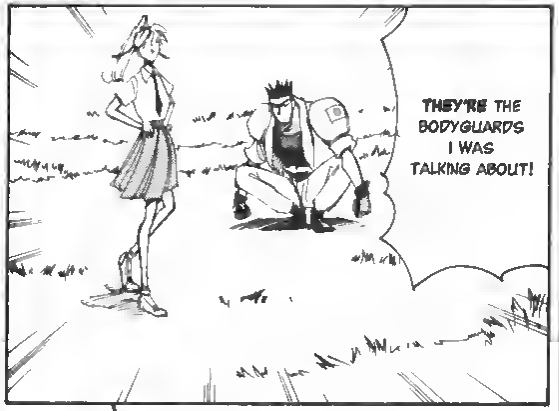
HUH?

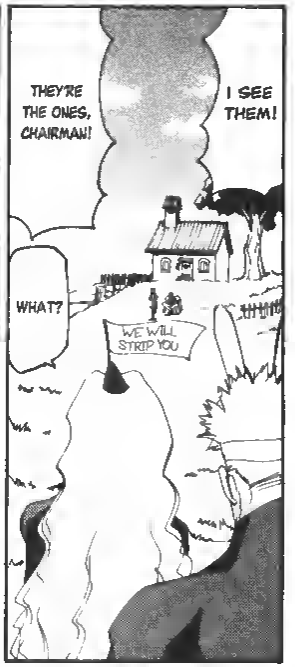

"THOSE GUYS"?
WE WILL STRIP YOU
WHAT'RE YA DOIN' WITH THOSE GUYS?
AIRI! CELCIA!


ARE ALL... TOGE-THER
AGAIN.
THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES...
OH, I GET IT...
WHAT?


I DON'T GET THE FEELING THAT THEY'RE ACTING...
I THINK WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT THE ELF IS TRUE, THOUGH.

You are a SCARY woman!
SMILE
LET'S KEEP PRETENDING WE BELIEVE THEM!

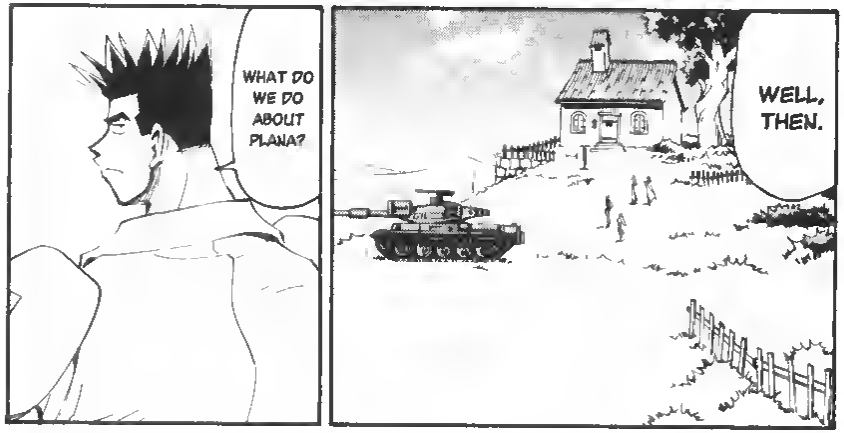

THEY'RE THE BODYGUARDS I WAS TALKING ABOUT!


THEY'RE THE ONES, CHAIRMAN!
I SEE THEM!
WHAT?
WE WILL STRIP YOU

HEH
NO NEED TO FEAR! WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY OUR INVINCIBLE GUESTS!

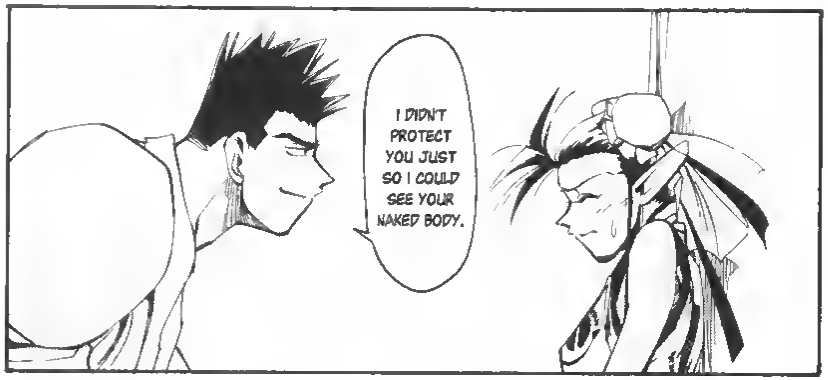
MEOW.
MIKE, GIVE' EM FIVE OR SIX ROUNDS.
BA-KOOM
SMASH
THUDD

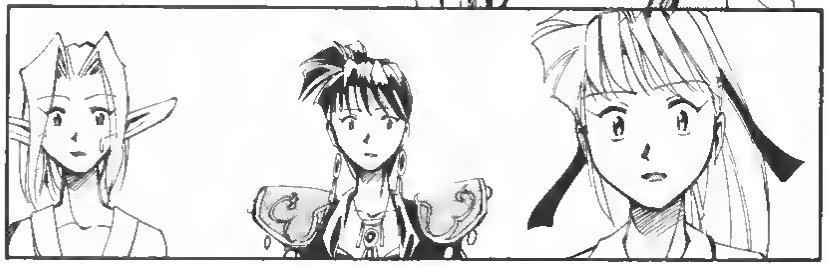
I GIVE UP.
RRRUMBLE

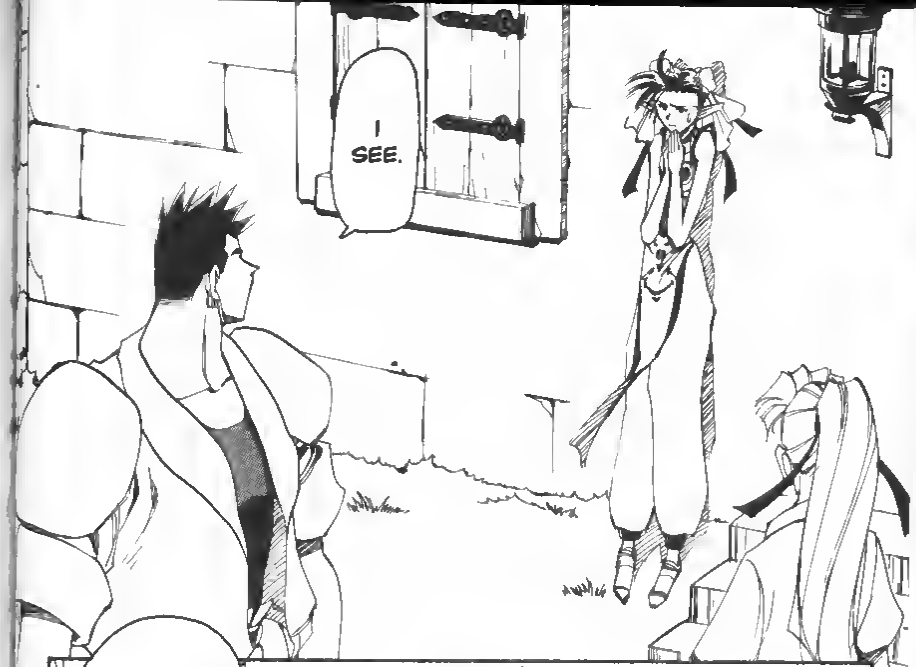

WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT PLANA?
WELL, THEN.

GLARE

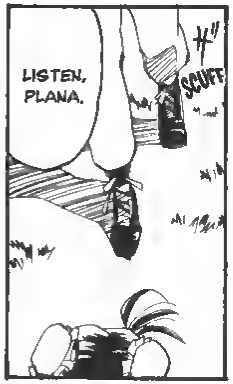
WAAUGH!
RUN!
DASH
AAARGH!


I DIDN'T PROTECT YOU JUST SO I COULD SEE YOUR NAKED BODY.

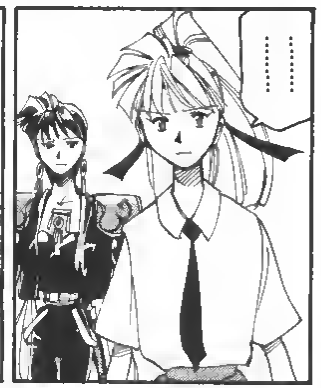



I SEE.

WITH THE CURSE LIFTED, YOU'RE BACK TO BEIN' A FULL-BLOWN ELF.


LISTEN, PLANA.
SCUFF

READY.
I AM...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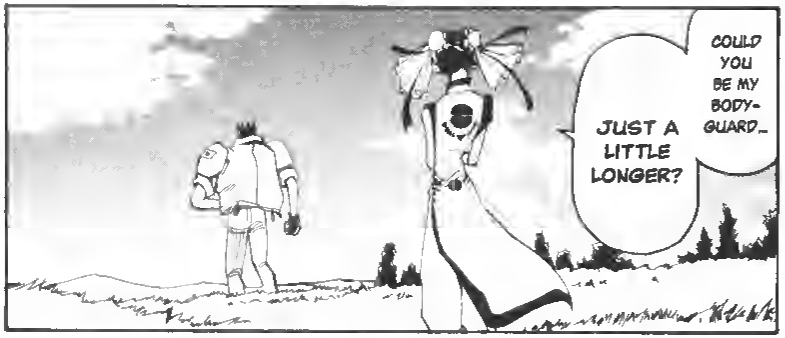
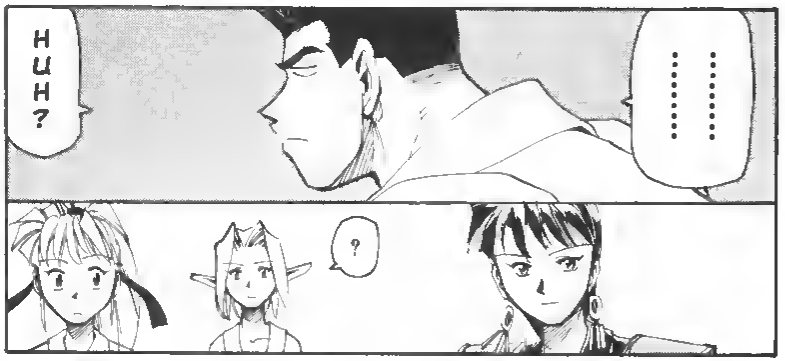

COULD YOU BE MY BODY-GUARD...
JUST A LITTLE LONGER?


HUH?
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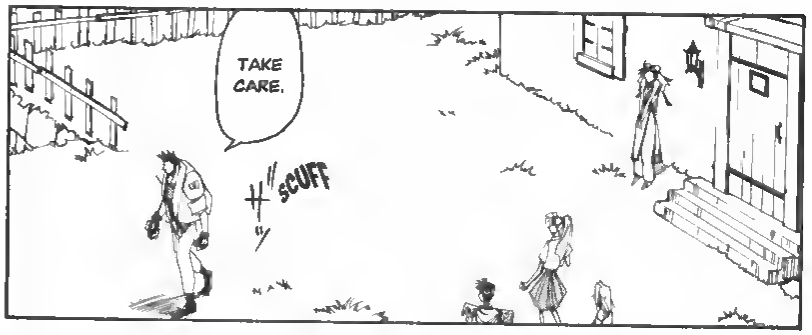
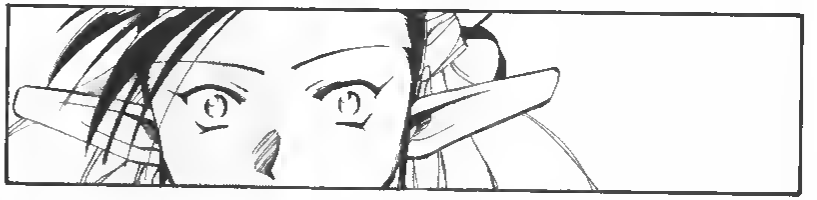
BUT YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.
SNAP
OF COURSE I'LL CHANGE
THEN, WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE?
AS LONG AS I WEAR THIS, I'LL BE A TARGET


TAKE CARE.
SCUFF



JUNPEI!
WELL, THIS MORNING...
WHISPER WHISPER
IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM?

SO PLEASE DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF ME UNTIL I'M COMPLETELY DONE CHANGING.

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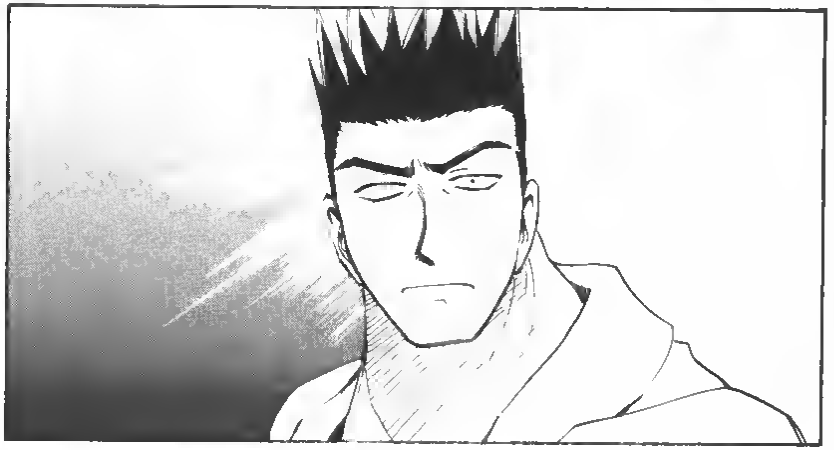
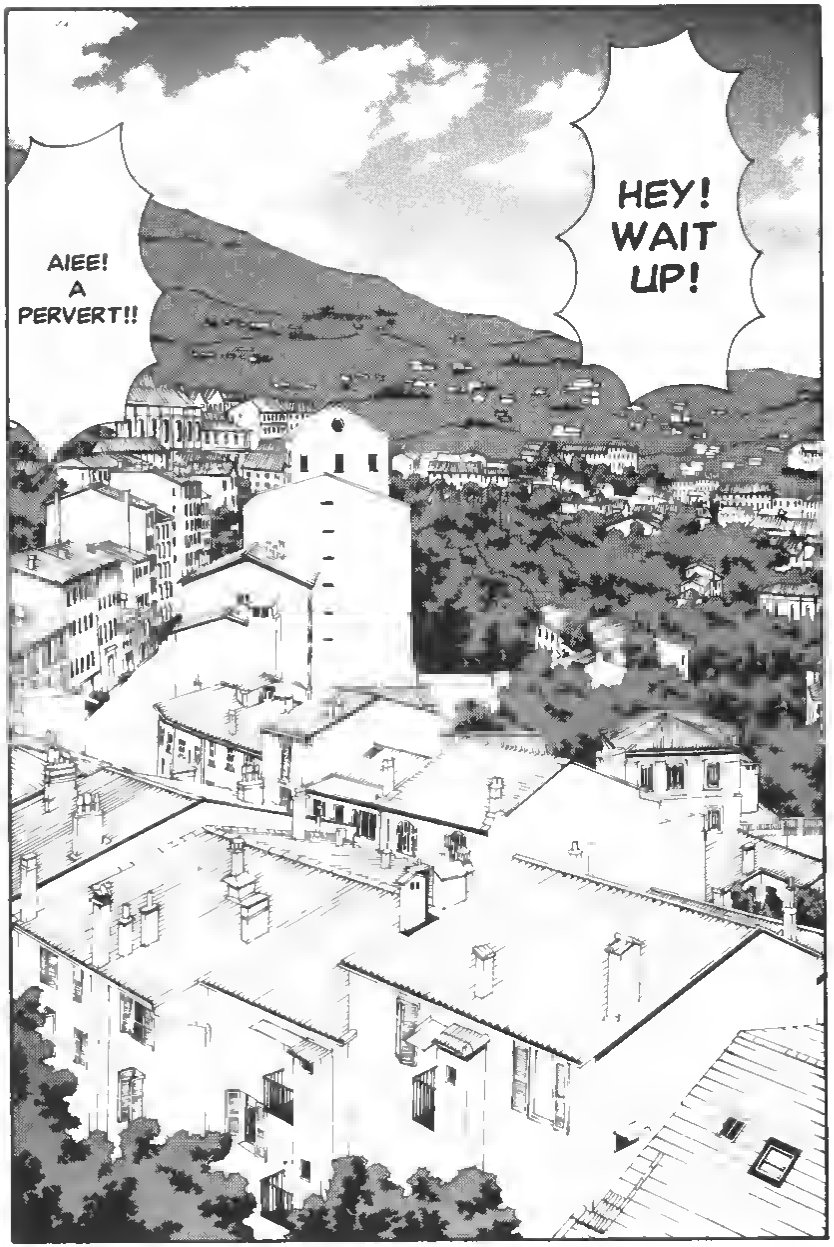
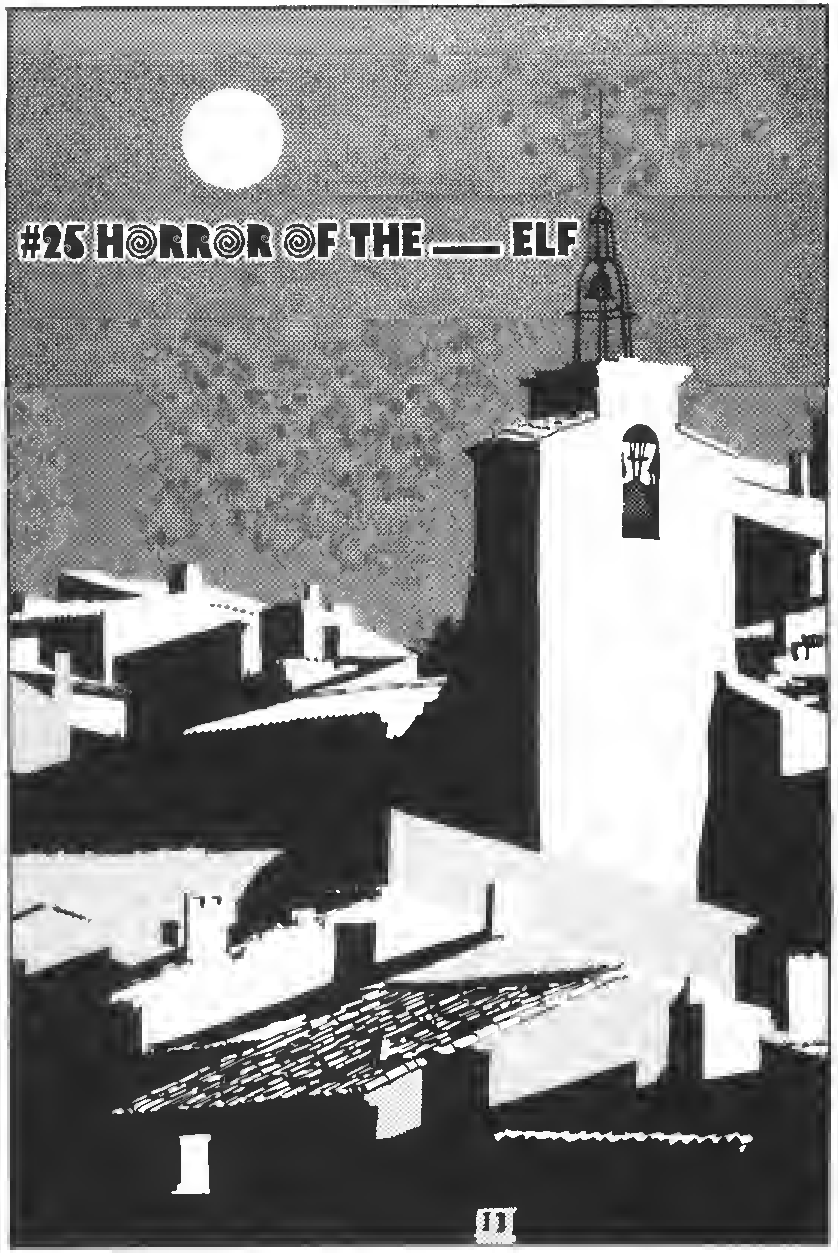


ALRIGHT.
LEAVE IT TO ME!

I JUST STRIP EM' SO WE CAN GO BACK TO JAPAN
HMPH WHATEVER.
YOU DID GOOD, JUNPEI!
THERE ARE ELVES WHO CALL US NAMES, BUT THERE ARE ELVES WHO STRIP WILLINGLY, TOO.
HM! I SEE AN ELF!
YOU MADE US WORRY, IDIOT!


AIEE! A PERVERT!!
HEY! WAIT UP!



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The one who showed up in volume 5 would appear to be his younger brother

IT WAS...
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GYAAAAA!!
SKLORSH

UGH!!
WHAT'S WRONG? HANG ON!

I DRANK SOME WATER FROM A FOOTPRINT ON THE NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON.
WATER FROM A FOOT-PRINT?

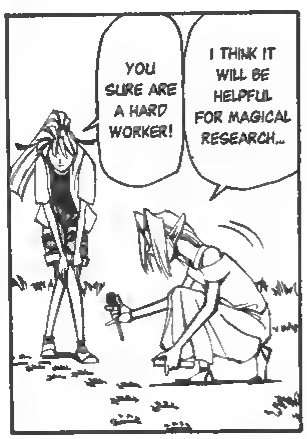
SHUF

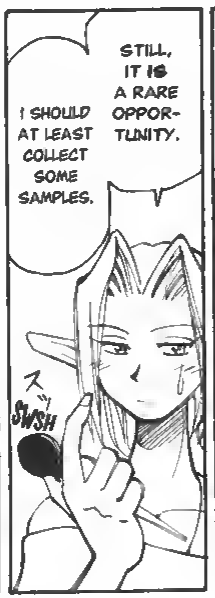
AN EVIL WITCH TRICKED ME INTO DRINKING IT.
WHOSE FOOTPRINT WAS IT?

YOU WANNA KNOW?
HEH!
FWSSH
HEH HEH HEH!

WHAT ARE ALL THESE TRACKS DOING HERE?

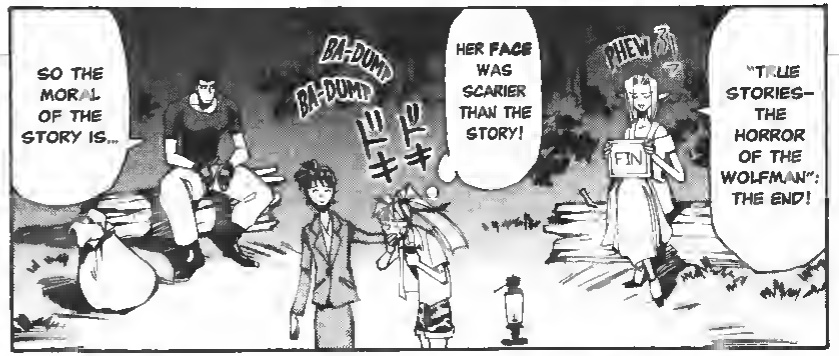
WOW! IT'S PERFECT.
AND IT'S A FULL MOON TONIGHT.
THERE'S WATER IN THEM..


YOU SURE ARE A HARD WORKER!
I THINK IT WILL BE HELPFUL FOR MAGICAL RESEARCH..

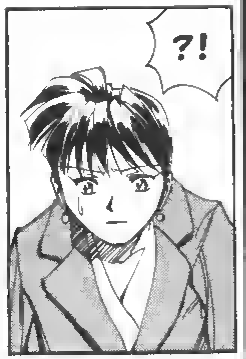

I SHOULD AT LEAST COLLECT SOME SAMPLES.
STILL, IT IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY.
スッ
SWISH

I'M NOT DRINKING THAT!
DRINK UP!

OH!
ズルッ
SLIP


SO THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
ドキ
ドキ
HER FACE WAS SCARIER THAN THE STORY!
PHEW
FIN
"TRUE STORIES- THE HORROR OF THE WOLFMAN": THE END!

LOOK, CELCIA.
WHY WOULD ANYONE DO THAT?
FIN
DON'T DRINK WATER OUT OF AN ANIMAL'S FOOTPRINT!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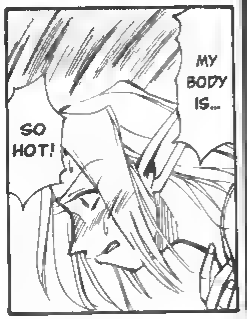
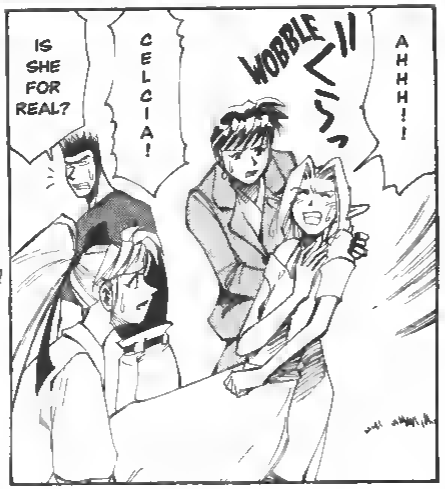
OH!
BA-DUMP

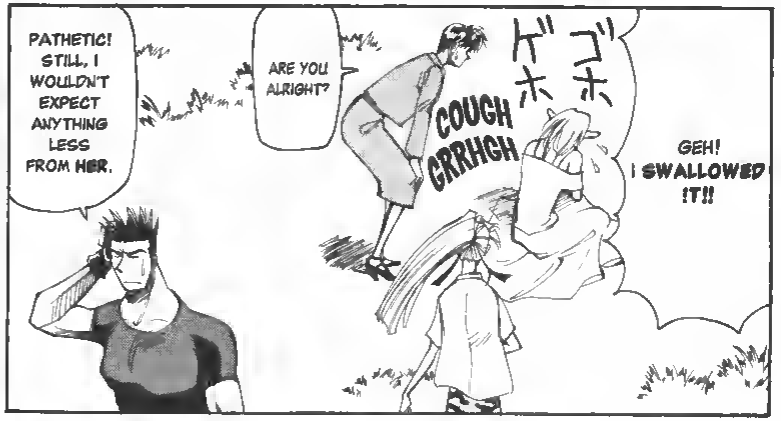

MY BODY IS...
SO HOT!

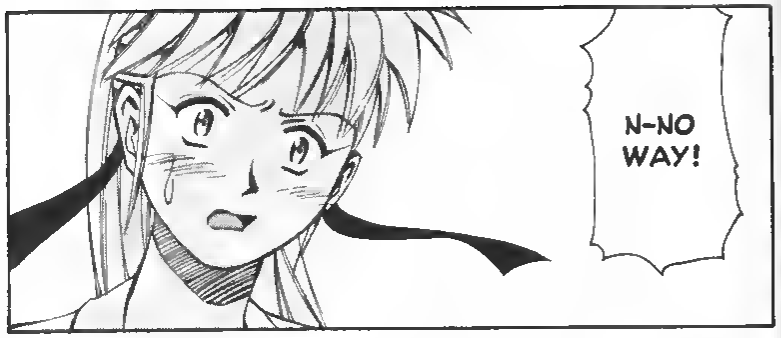
HOW COULD I HAVE DONE SUCH A THING?!
WHAT HAVE I DONE?


IS SHE FOR REAL?
CELCIA!
WOBBLE
AHHH!!

SPLSSH
!!

UGH.
CELCIA!


PATHETIC! STILL, I WOULDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING LESS FROM HER.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
COUGH CRRHGH
GEH! I SWALLOWED IT!!


N-NO WAY!

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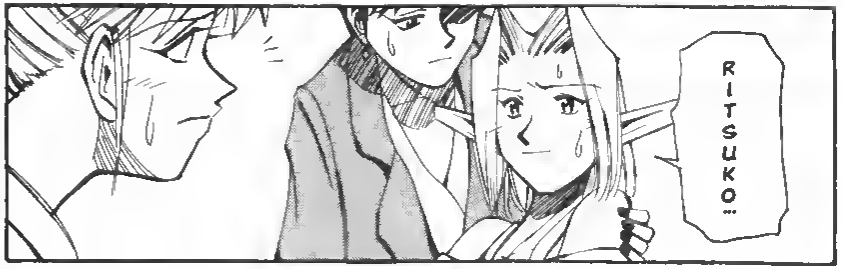
WHAT?! NO, I TAKE IT BACK!
MEOW!
MIKE! PREPARE TO FIRE A PURE SILVER BULLET!
SHOCK

BWFF!

!!
HUH?
WHAT THE-?!

CELCIA!
I-I'M SO SORRY.
IF I CHANGE INTO A WOLF
AND LOSE MY SENSES...


RITSUKO!!

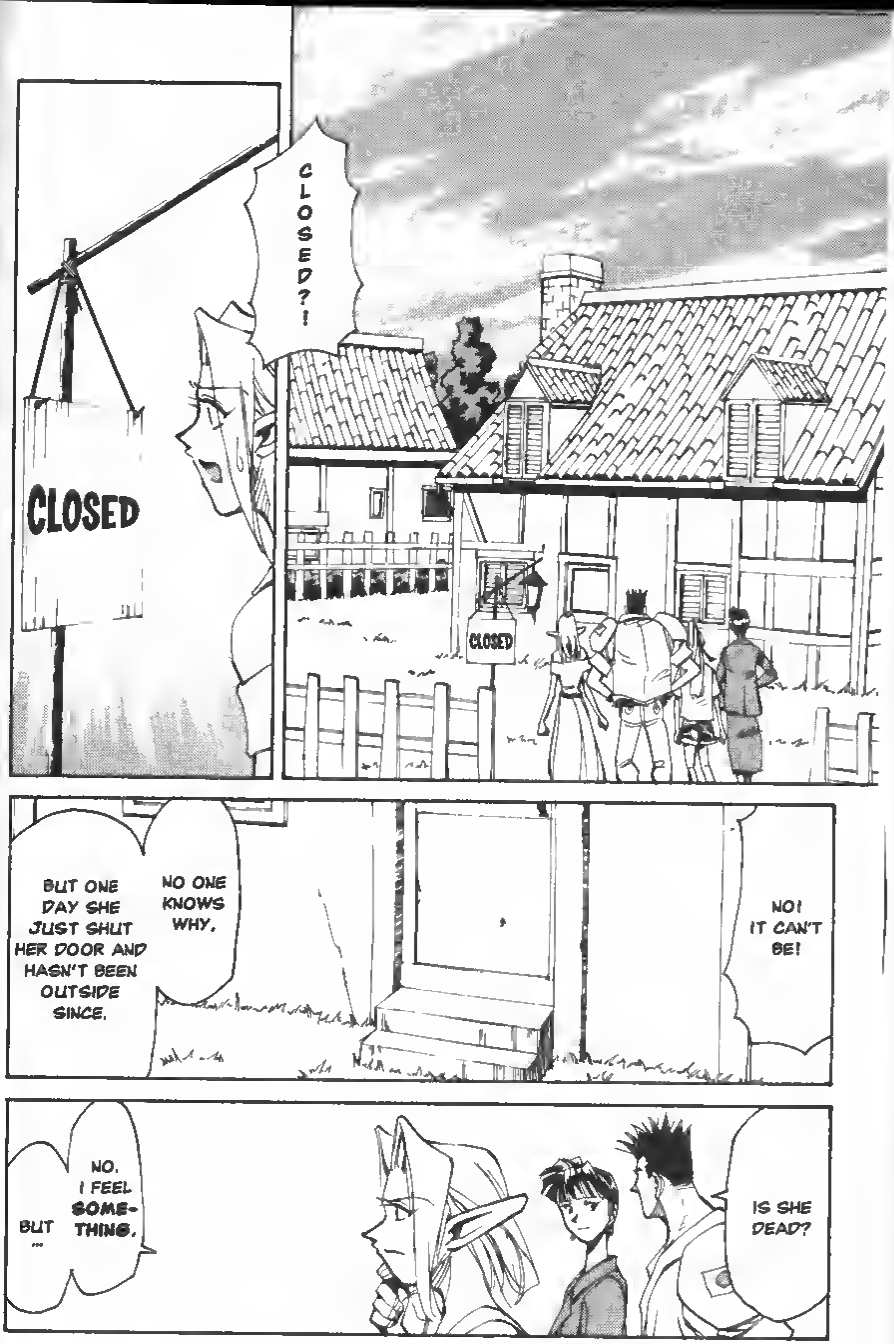
SHOOT ME WITH A SILVER BULLET THAT'S BEEN BLESSED BY A PRIEST.

HUH?
PSSHHH

.....
FOR REAL?!
HI, AIRI!
EVERYONE! I HAVE INFORMATION ON AN ELF...
SCUFF
FLAP
BUT CELCIA, THIS ELF...
I'M IN NO MOOD FOR ELF STRIPPING.
SORRY, I PASS.
SPECIALIZES IN CURING WEREPEOPLE!
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY, BUT...
WHY NOT?
H-HOW ABOUT A PANDA ELF?
SO SHE COULD CURE A WOLFMAN? A CATWOMAN?

I'M SO GLAD!
DAMN
YOU TURN BACK TO AN ELF IN THE MORNING, HUH?
SO...
SO? BIG DEAL.
AND THE NEXT, AND THE NEXT, AND THE NEXT, AND THE NEXT...
BUT I'LL TURN BACK INTO A PANDA AT THE NEXT FULL MOON.
LET HER BE.
CELCIA...
MAYBE I SHOULD START GROWING BAMBOO...
NOW I'M A PANDA.
I'VE BEEN A DOG, A DOG WITH A SPOT, AND A DOG WITH A MUSTACHE!
THEN I GOT TRAPPED IN A SHEET OF PAPER AND WAS CALLED "PERKY ELF"!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR ME!

AN AURA FILLED WITH A SENSE OF... HUMILIATION.
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT A FRICKIN' PANSY-ASS.
SHOOT.
SOMETHING UNBELIEVABLY SHAMEFUL MUST'VE HAPPENED, AND NOW SHE CAN'T COME OUT.
HUMI-LIAT-ED?
?!
KONK
ゴッ
WE'VE GOTTA SHOW HER THAT HER HUMILIATION DOESN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO CELCIA'S!
MAY I KILL YOU NOW?
OH, MY.
IT'S AN INVISIBLE SHIELD!
P-THD
OOOUCH!

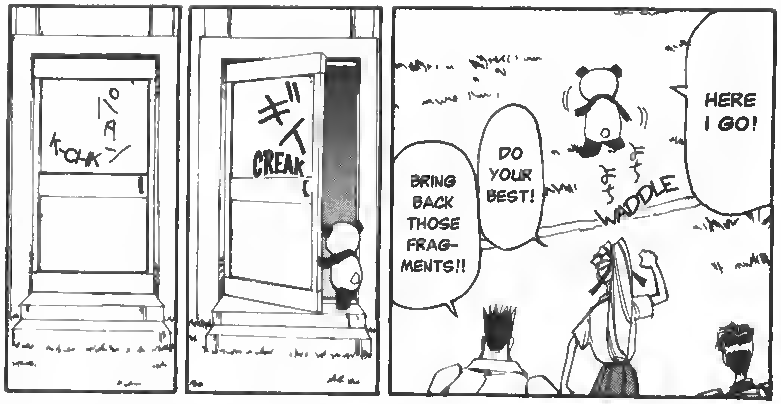

CLOSED?!
CLOSED
CLOSED
BUT ONE DAY SHE JUST SHUT HER DOOR AND HASN'T BEEN OUTSIDE SINCE.
NO ONE KNOWS WHY.
NO! IT CAN'T BE!
BUT ...
NO. I FEEL SOME-THING.
IS SHE DEAD?

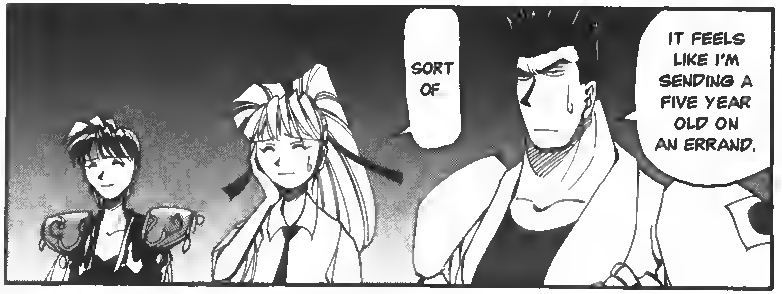
THIS WHITE LINE!
YO, CHECK OUT
THIS IS ONE POWERFUL SHIELD.
BAM
HYAAAA!
BONK
KA-TONK
MEOW!
MIKE! PREPARE TO FIRE!
WHAT IS THIS?!

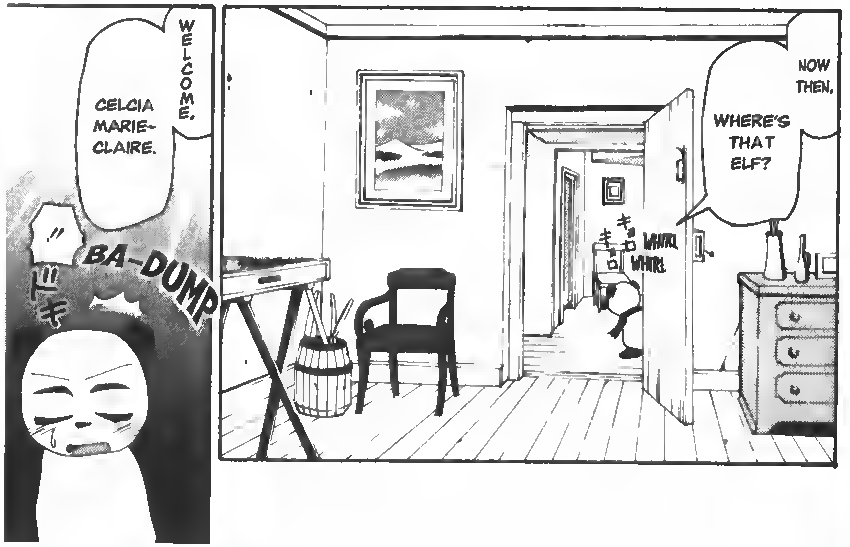
KA-BOOM
FIRE!
RSSHHH
BAAM
IT'S NO GOOD. THE SHIELD'S TOO STRONG.
CELCIA! DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR MAGIC!
NO WAY...
?!
WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO MAKE HER LOCK HERSELF UP?

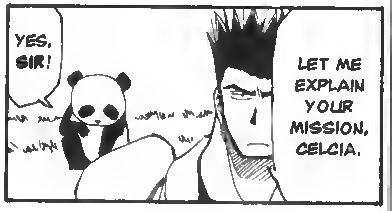
DAMN! IF I COULD JUST TURN INTO A PANDA...
LUMBER のそっ
BWAP!
LUMBER のそっ
WHY CAN A PANDA GO THROUGH AND NOT A HUMAN?!
!!
HUH?

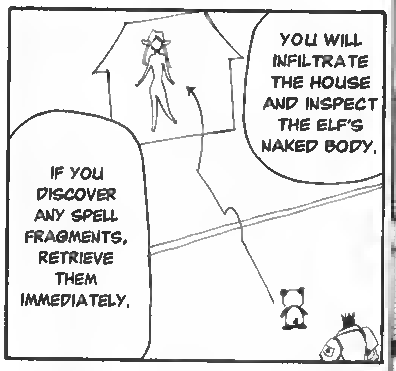
I'M OVER HERE!
HEY CELCIA! IT'S NOT EVENING YET, BEHAVE YOURSELF.
LUMBER のそっ
I'M GONNA KILL YOU.
LUMBER のそっ LUMBER
AH, NO WONDER I THOUGHT SHE WAS SO NOBLE-LOOKING.
LUMBER のそっ
LUMBER
LUMBER
LOOK OVER THERE!
WHOA!
HUH? THAT PANDA WENT THROUGH THE SHIELD!

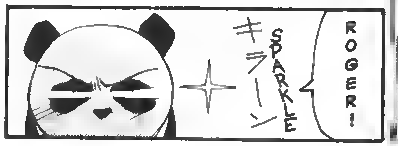

CREAK
HERE I GO!
DO YOUR BEST!
BRING BACK THOSE FRAGMENTS!!
WADDLE


IT FEELS LIKE I'M SENDING A FIVE YEAR OLD ON AN ERRAND.
SORT OF

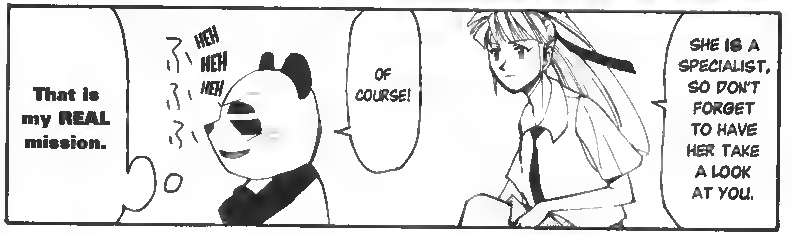

WELCOME, CELCIA MARIE-CLAIRE.
BA-DUMP
NOW THEN, WHERE'S THAT ELF?
WHIRL WHIRL

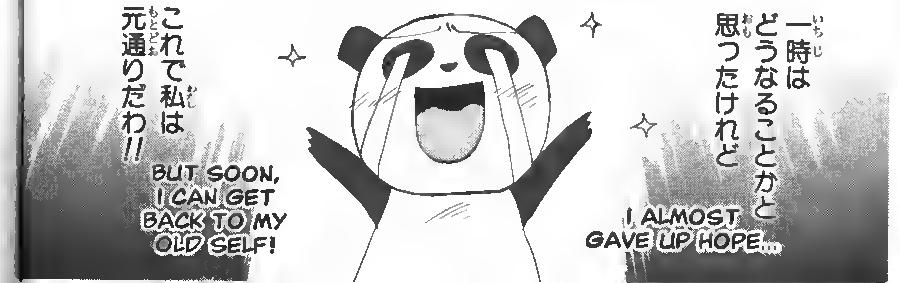

YES, SIR!
LET ME EXPLAIN YOUR MISSION, CELCIA.


YOU WILL INFILTRATE THE HOUSE AND INSPECT THE ELF'S NAKED BODY.
IF YOU DISCOVER ANY SPELL FRAGMENTS, RETRIEVE THEM IMMEDIATELY.

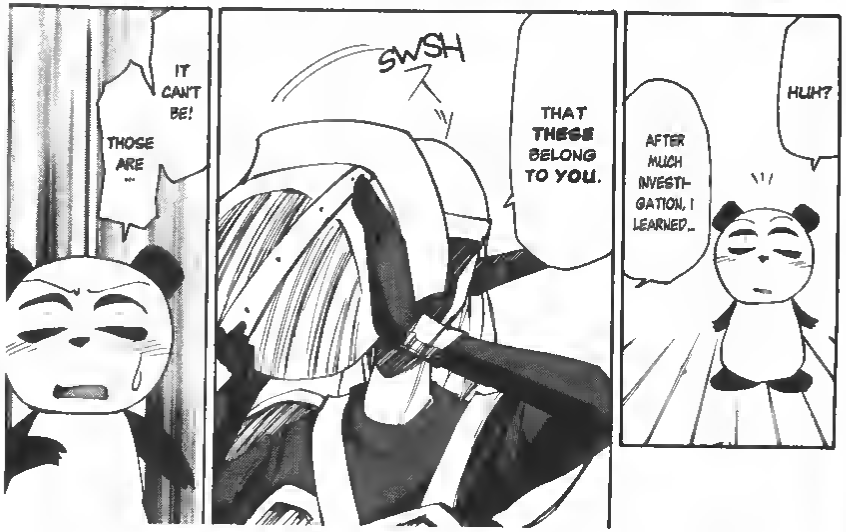

ROGER!
SPARKLE キラーン

A NICE FULL MOON.
YOU CAN ALMOST HEAR THE WERE-WOLVES HOWL...


That is my REAL mission.
HEH HEH HEH
OF COURSE!
SHE IS A SPECIALIST, SO DON'T FORGET TO HAVE HER TAKE A LOOK AT YOU.

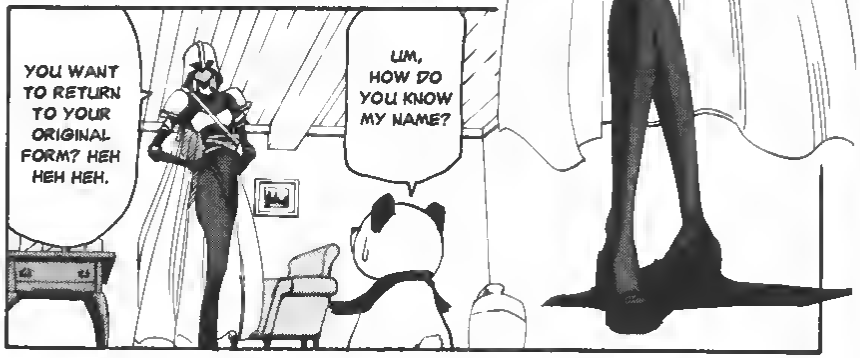

一時はどうなることかと思ったけれど
I ALMOST GAVE UP HOPE...
これで私は元通りだわ!!
BUT SOON, I CAN GET BACK TO MY OLD SELF!

FWUP
ガバ
FIRST, YOU MUST FIX MY FACE.


IT CAN'T BE!
THOSE ARE...
SWSH
THAT THESE BELONG TO YOU.
AFTER MUCH INVESTIGATION, I LEARNED...
HUH?

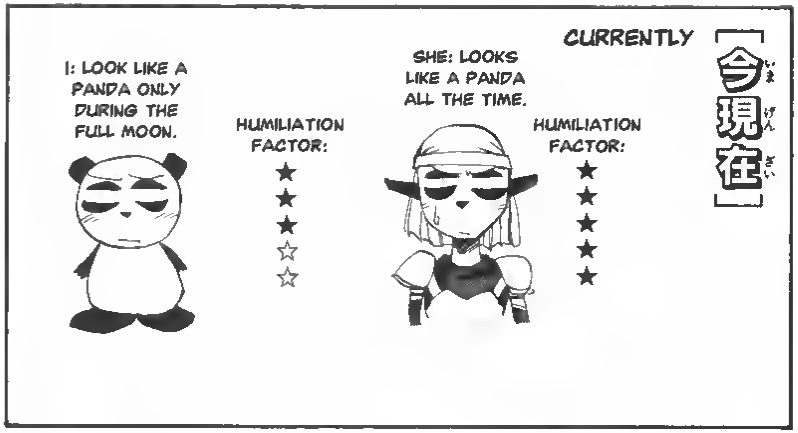
MY NAME IS NANCY NARGA,
AND I SPECIALIZE IN THE CURE OF WEREPEOPLE.

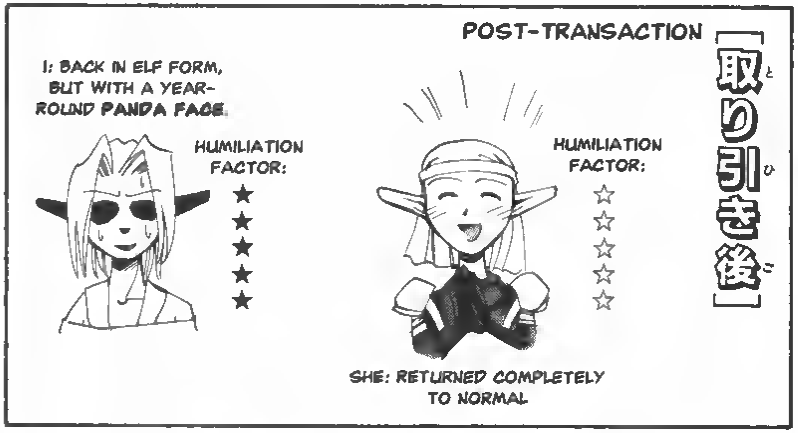
?
SHE LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I EXPECTED

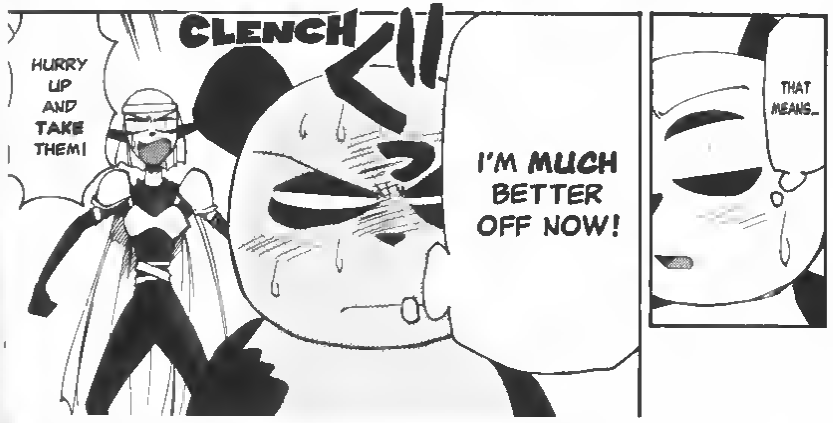

YOU WANT TO RETURN TO YOUR ORIGINAL FORM? HEH HEH HEH.
UM, HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
SWHIP

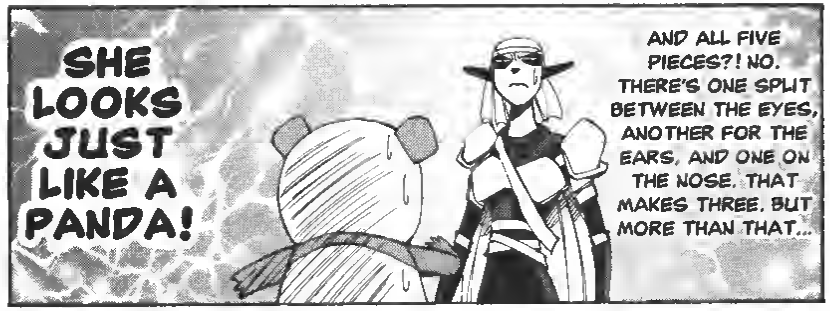
HOWEVER!
IT IS AN EASY TASK...
PLEASE!
THAT'S RIGHT!

BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
I CAN FEEL THE PULSE OF THE SUMMONING SPELL QUITE CLEARLY!
THERE'S NO MISTAKE!
TA-DAA
SPELL FRAGMENTS!

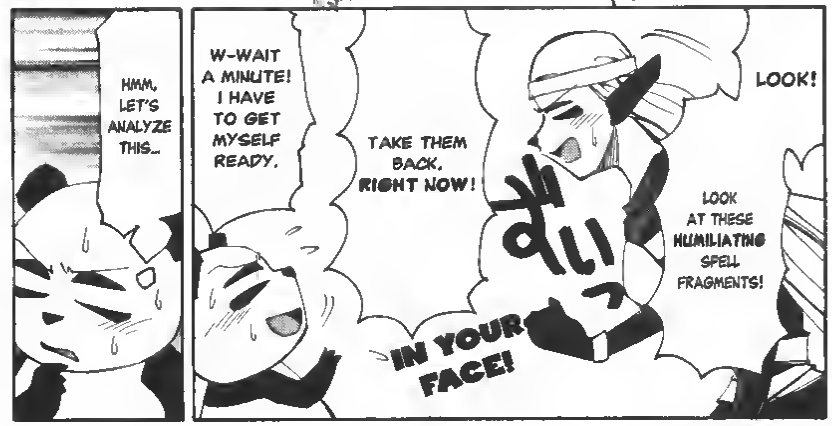

CURRENTLY
【今現在】
I: LOOK LIKE A PANDA ONLY DURING THE FULL MOON.
HUMILIATION FACTOR:
SHE: LOOKS LIKE A PANDA ALL THE TIME.
HUMILIATION FACTOR:

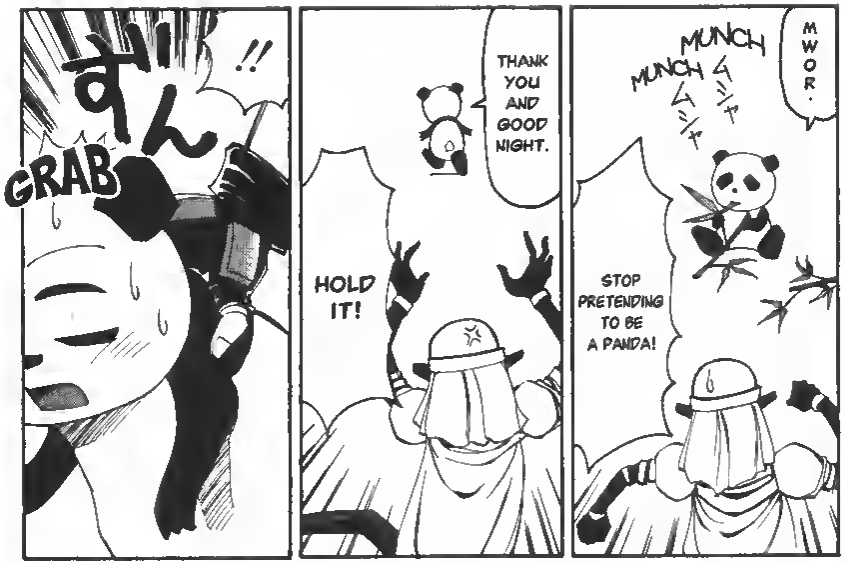

POST-TRANSACTION
【取り引き後】
I: BACK IN ELF FORM, BUT WITH A YEAR-ROUND PANDA FACE.
HUMILIATION FACTOR:
HUMILIATION FACTOR:
SHE: RETURNED COMPLETELY TO NORMAL


CLENCH
HURRY UP AND TAKE THEM!
I'M MUCH BETTER OFF NOW!
THAT MEANS...

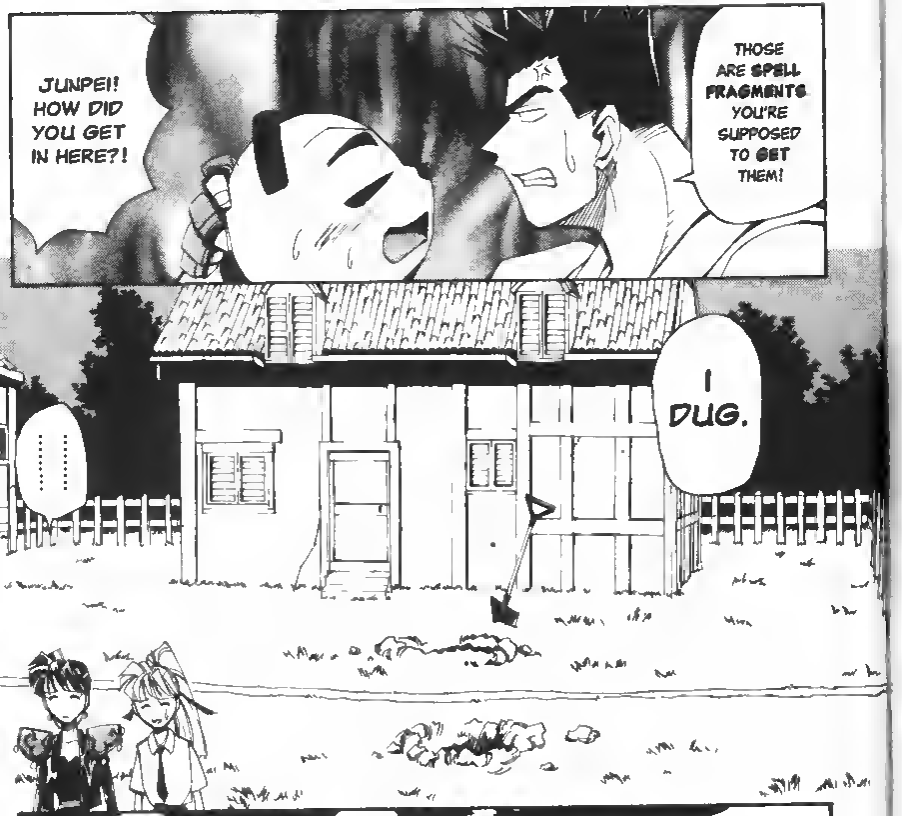

SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE A PANDA!
AND ALL FIVE PIECES?! NO. THERE'S ONE SPLIT BETWEEN THE EYES, ANOTHER FOR THE EARS, AND ONE ON THE NOSE. THAT MAKES THREE. BUT MORE THAN THAT...

SO THAT'S WHY SHE DISTANCED HERSELF FROM PEOPLE AND WAS ONLY FRIENDLY TO PANDAS.

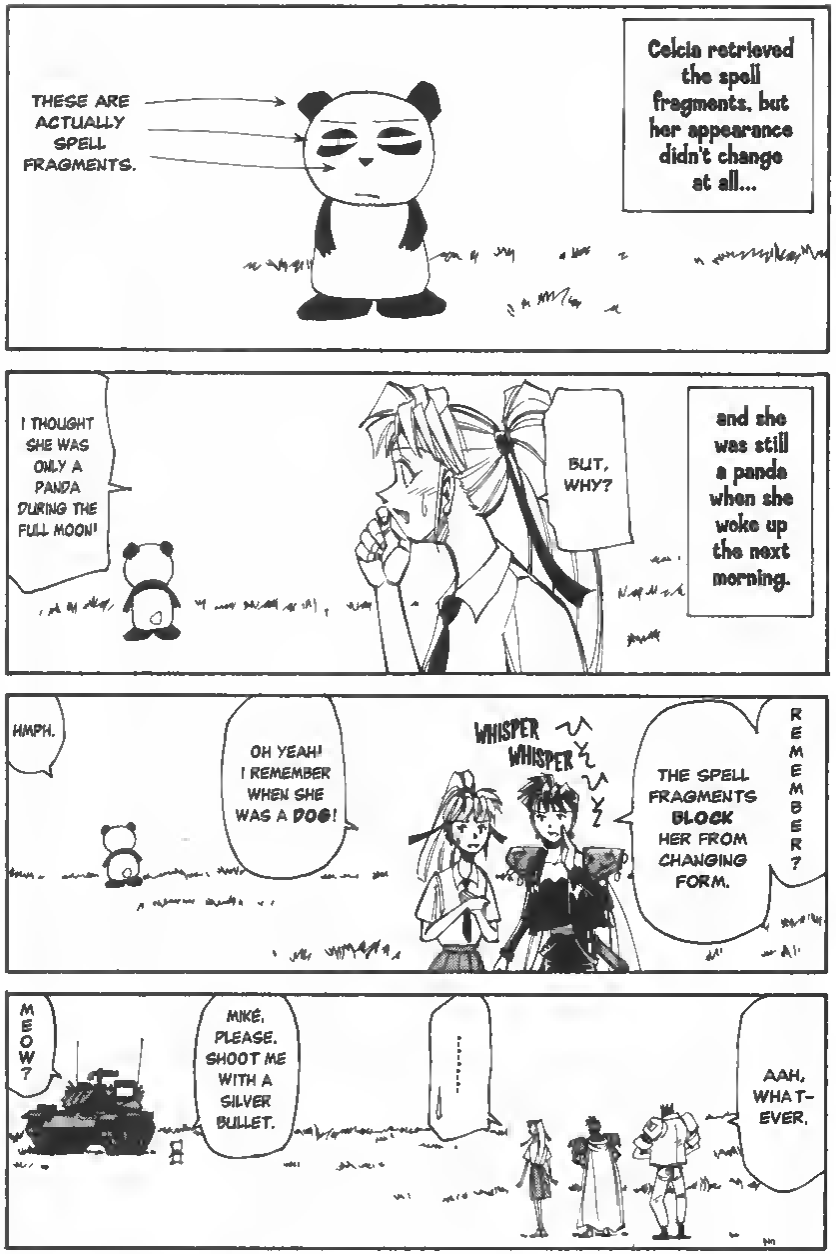

HMM, LET'S ANALYZE THIS...
W-WAIT A MINUTE! I HAVE TO GET MYSELF READY.
TAKE THEM BACK, RIGHT NOW!
LOOK!
LOOK AT THESE HUMILIATING SPELL FRAGMENTS!
IN YOUR FACE!


GRAB
!!
THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT.
HOLD IT!
MUNCH MUNCH
MWOR.
STOP PRETENDING TO BE A PANDA!

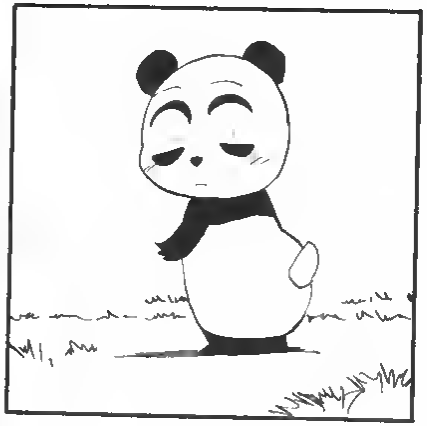
GEH!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
RRRRRUMBLE


JUNPEI! HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?!
THOSE ARE SPELL FRAGMENTS YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GET THEM!
I DUG.

THANK YOU!
WE'LL BE LEAVIN' AS SOON AS WE GET THOSE FRAGMENTS
SORRY, DOC!
FINALLY I CAN GO OUT IN PUBLIC!
NOOOO! LET ME GO!!


THESE ARE ACTUALLY SPELL FRAGMENTS.
Celcia retrieved the spell fragments, but her appearance didn't change at all...
I THOUGHT SHE WAS ONLY A PANDA DURING THE FULL MOON!
BUT, WHY?
and she was still a panda when she woke up the next morning.
HMPH.
OH YEAH! I REMEMBER WHEN SHE WAS A DOG!
WHISPER WHISPER
THE SPELL FRAGMENTS BLOCK HER FROM CHANGING FORM.
REMEMBER?
MEOW?
MIKE, PLEASE, SHOOT ME WITH A SILVER BULLET.
.....
AAH, WHATEVER.

And that was how we collected three spell fragments at once.
CHEERS!
GOOD WORK, EVERYONE!
JUST TWO MORE PIECES AND WE CAN GET BACK TO JAPAN!
Nancy was quite happy, too.



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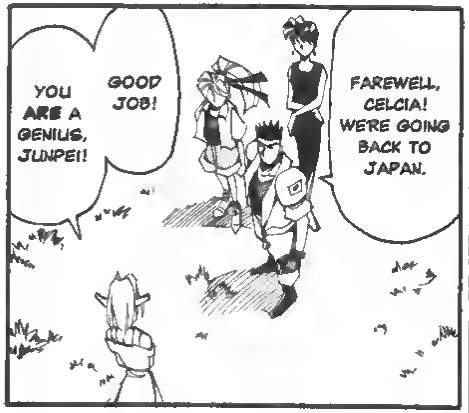
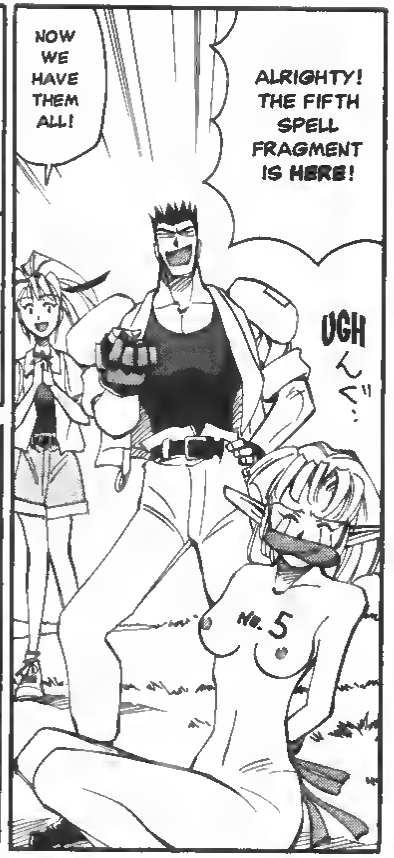
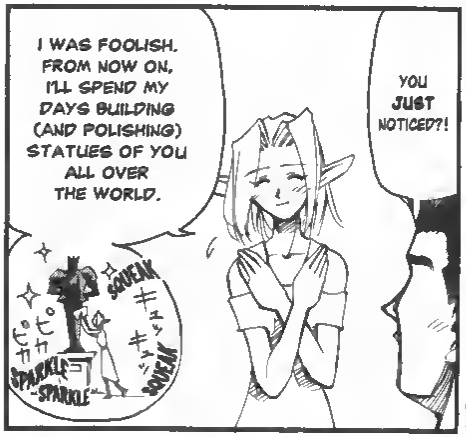

GOOD JOB!
YOU ARE A GENIUS, JUNPEI!
FAREWELL, CELCIA! WE'RE GOING BACK TO JAPAN.


NOW WE HAVE THEM ALL!
ALRIGHTY! THE FIFTH SPELL FRAGMENT IS HERE!
UGH
No. 5

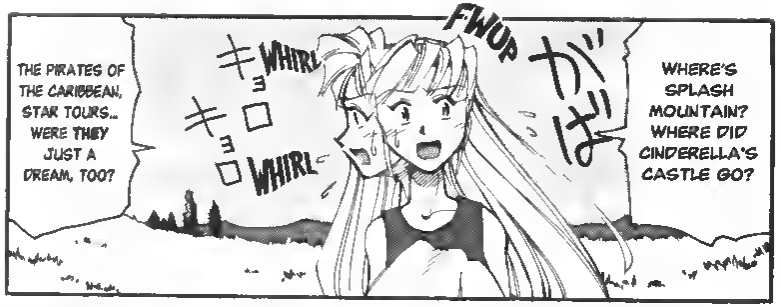

I WAS FOOLISH. FROM NOW ON, I'LL SPEND MY DAYS BUILDING (AND POLISHING) STATUES OF YOU ALL OVER THE WORLD.
YOU JUST NOTICED?!
SPARKLE
SQUEAK

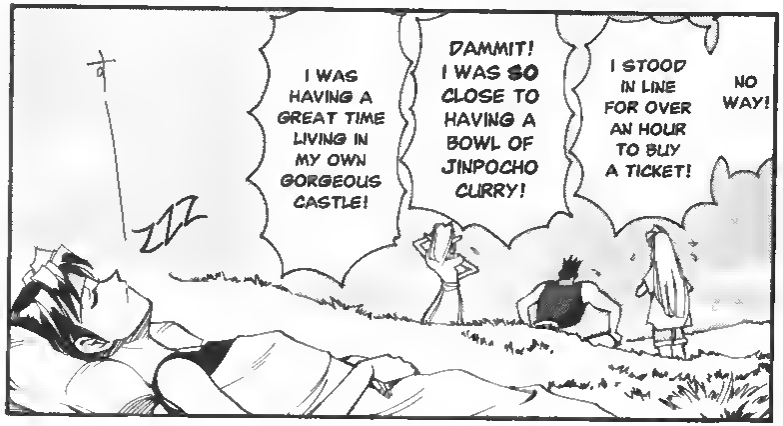
.....!!

PUSH

CELCIA, YOU'VE GROWN UP.
HA HA HA!

I STRIP ELVES!
すっぽんぽんNEKKID!
AIEEE!

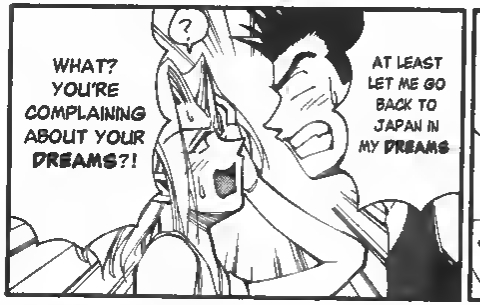

THE PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN, STAR TOURS... WERE THEY JUST A DREAM, TOO?
WHIRL
WHIRL
FWUP
WHERE'S SPLASH MOUNTAIN? WHERE DID CINDERELLA'S CASTLE GO?

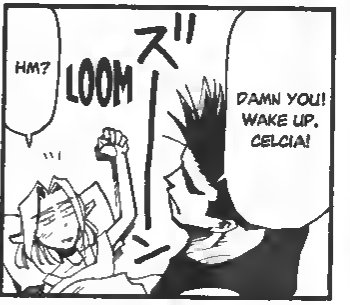

I WAS HAVING A GREAT TIME LIVING IN MY OWN GORGEOUS CASTLE!
DAMMIT! I WAS SO CLOSE TO HAVING A BOWL OF JINPOCHO CURRY!
I STOOD IN LINE FOR OVER AN HOUR TO BUY A TICKET!
NO WAY!

SIGH...
dejected
.....

HUH?
I WISH I COULD HAVE A DREAM COME TRUE.
TRUDGE TRUDGE

LEFT UPPERCUT


WHAT? YOU'RE COMPLAINING ABOUT YOUR DREAMS?!
AT LEAST LET ME GO BACK TO JAPAN IN MY DREAMS


HM?
LOOM
DAMN YOU! WAKE UP, CELCIA!

HYAAAH! YAAAAH!
OH.
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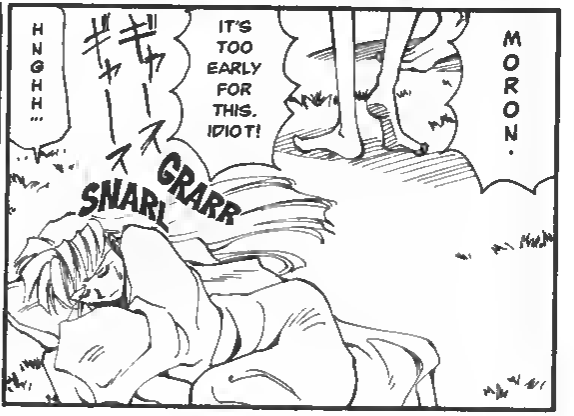

HNGHH...
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THIS, IDIOT!
MORON.
SNARL
GRARR

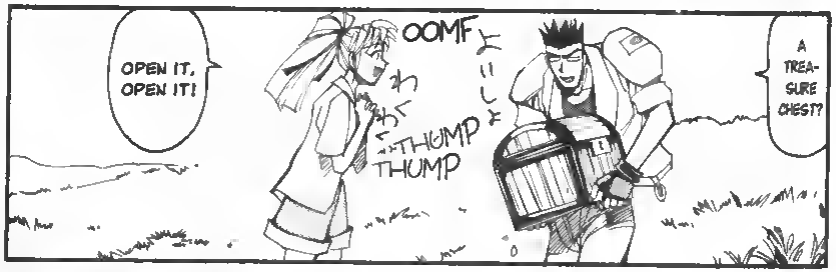
"DREAMS COME TRUE" PILLOW?

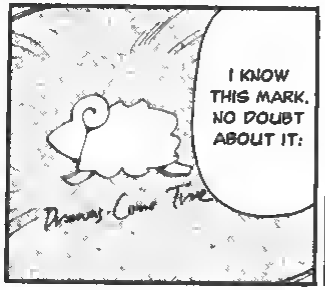
YOUR DREAMS WILL COME TRUE!
YES. WHEN YOU SLEEP ON THIS PILLOW,
Dreams Come True

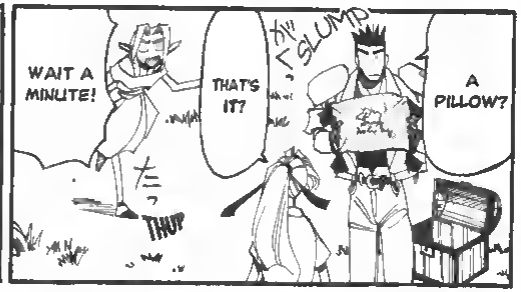
TRUST ME! I KNOW I'LL BE HAVING ONLY GOOD DREAMS!

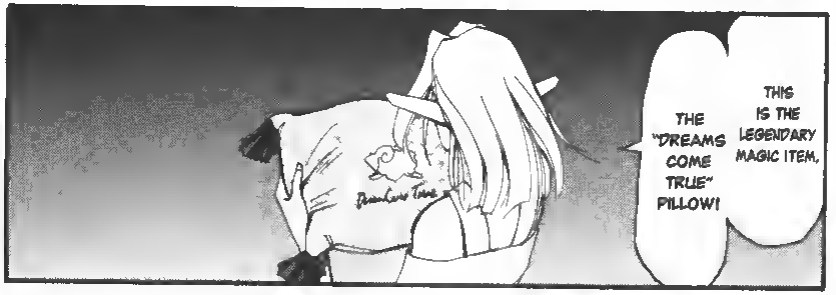
IT'S DANGEROUS- NIGHTMARES COME TRUE, TOO.
IT'S PERFECT!
REALLY?

OH?
CLUP CLUP


OPEN IT, OPEN IT!
OOMF
THUMP THUMP
A TREA-SURE CHEST?


I KNOW THIS MARK. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT:
Dreams Come True

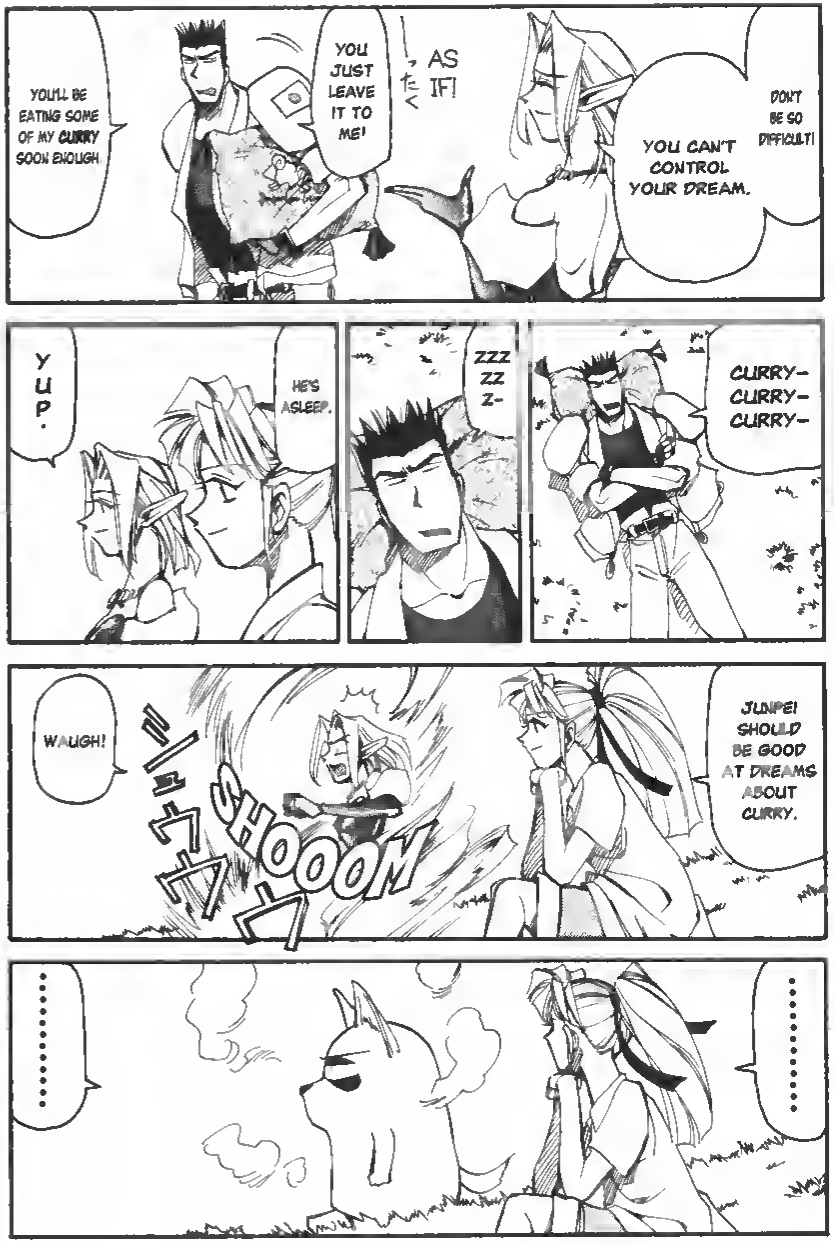

WAIT A MINUTE!
THAT'S IT?
SLUMP
THUP
A PILLOW?


THE "DREAMS COME TRUE" PILLOW!
THIS IS THE LEGENDARY MAGIC ITEM,

WHATCHA TRYING TO DREAM?
AN AMUSEMENT PARK.
NO, NO, A FULL-COURSE BREAKFAST FIRST!
BREAKFAST, BREAKFAST, BREAKFAST...
BREAK... FAST...
WAAUGH! WAIT!
WHAT THE-?!
WHAT?!
BA-SHOOM
.....
IS SHE ASLEEP?
LOOKS LIKE IT.
HUH?
FLASH

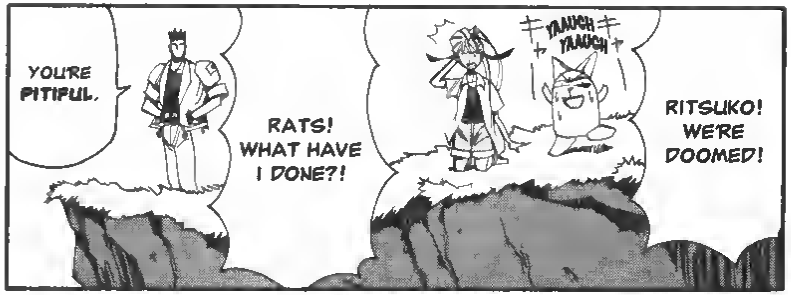
PWOOF
!!
YAY YAY
WOW! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A DRESS LIKE THIS!
HUH?
WAKE UP! DON'T WASTE YOUR DREAMS ON THIS STUPID STUFF!
DAMN
BOOK HERE..
I'LL JUST CHECK THE DREAM ANALYSIS
THANK YOU, RITSUKO!
SPARKLE
WOW, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DRESS! IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME AS ONE I SAW IN A DREAM!
WHERE'S MY BREAKFAST?!
HOW SWEET YOU ARE, RITSUKO! SO THAT'S HOW YOU THINK OF ME
HMM. IF YOU SEE A FRIEND IN A DREAM, IT'S A MANIFESTATION OF HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT PERSON
DREAM ANALYSIS

WHOA! JUST LIKE IN MY DREAM!
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK I AM?!
BWAP
ZZZ ZZZ
ORIGINAL FORM, ORIGINAL FORM, ORIGINAL FORM..
GIVE ME THAT! IDIOT. I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE!
SNATCH
YOUR DREAM CAN INCLUDE A VOLCANIC ERUPTION.
DREAM ANALYSIS.
SAYS HERE,
WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY OR EXCITED...
I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED.
ZZZ ZZZ


YOU'LL BE EATING SOME OF MY CURRY SOON ENOUGH
YOU JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
AS IF!
YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR DREAM.
DON'T BE SO DIFFICULT!
YUP.
HE'S ASLEEP.
ZZZ ZZ Z-
CURRY- CURRY- CURRY-
WAUGH!
SHOOOM
JUNPEI SHOULD BE GOOD AT DREAMS ABOUT CURRY.
.....
.....

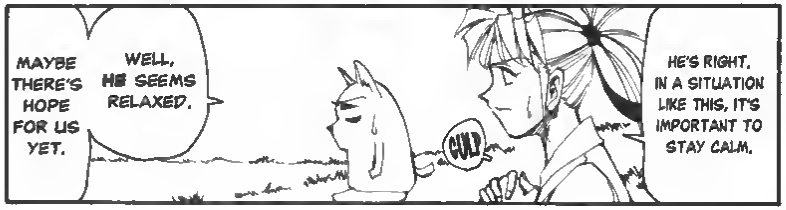
KA-BOOOM
ドコーン
!!
F-WUP
ガバ
WHA... WHAT?
LOOKIE
キョロ
SHE REALLY DID IT THIS TIME!
NO WAY...
ゴゴゴゴゴ
RRRRUMBLE

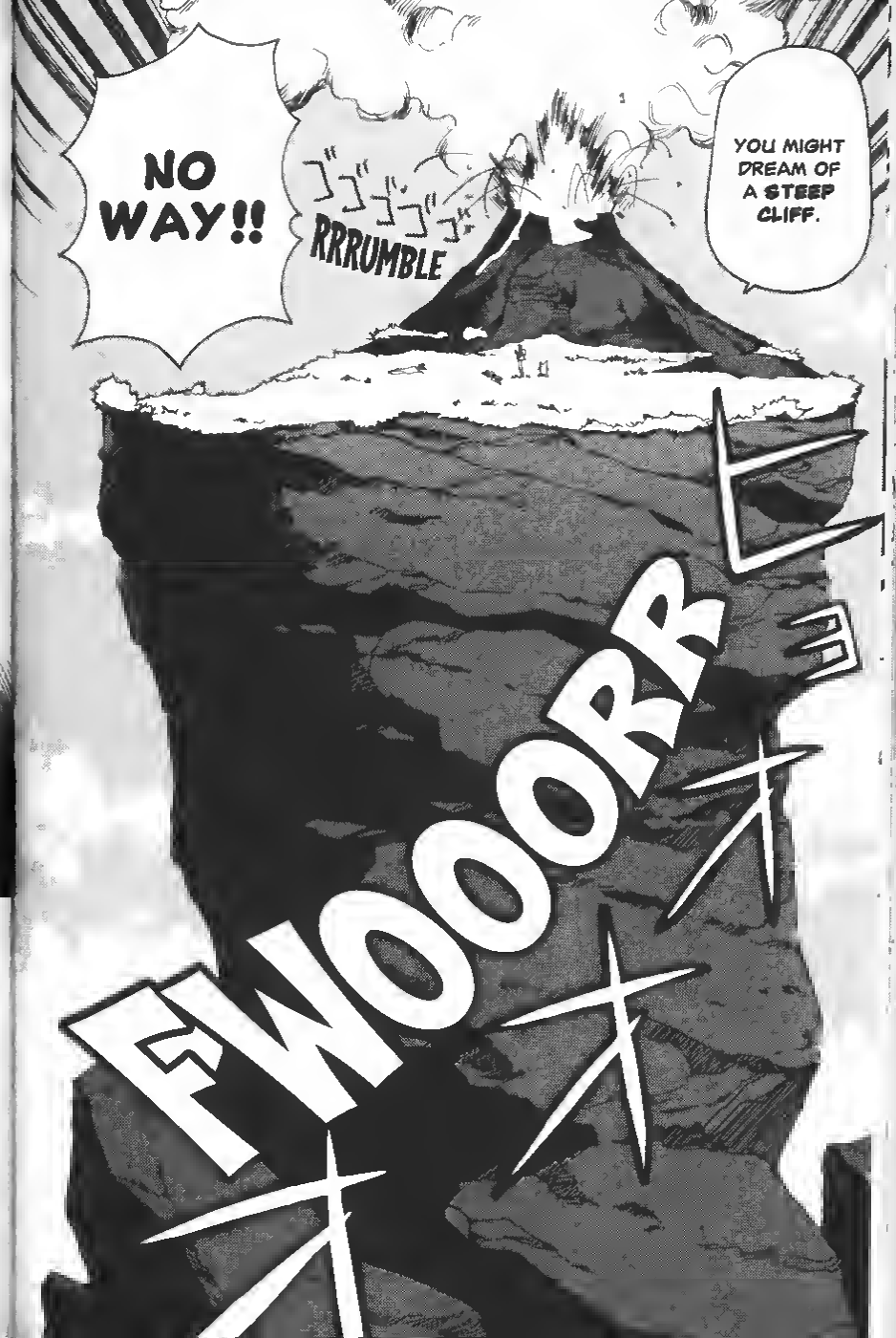
FLASH
ゴゴゴゴゴ
RRRUMBLE
THE LAVA'S COMIN' THIS WAY!
GEH. JUST LIKE IN MY DREAM!
OH NO! I'VE GOTTA WAKE AIRI UP!
I SHOULD DREAM THAT THE ERUPTION IS ENDING!
THAT'S IT!
ZZZ-
RITSUKO?
ENDING... ENDING...
WHEN YOU'RE FEELING CORNERED... SAYS HERE.
FLIP
FLIP
I'M WORRIED.

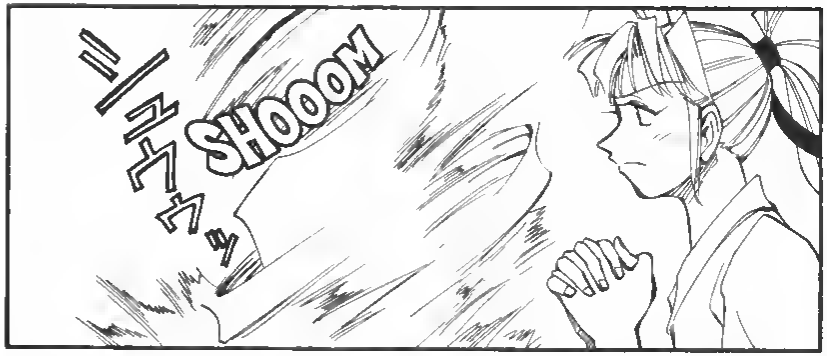

YOU'RE PITIFUL.
RATS! WHAT HAVE I DONE?!
YAUCH YAUCH
RITSUKO! WE'RE DOOMED!

LISTEN. EVEN IF A VOLCANO ERUPTS, OR YOU'RE FACING A CLIFF...
YOU'RE ALL SPIRITUALLY UNDERDEVELOPED. THAT'S WHY YOU END UP WITH BAD DREAMS.

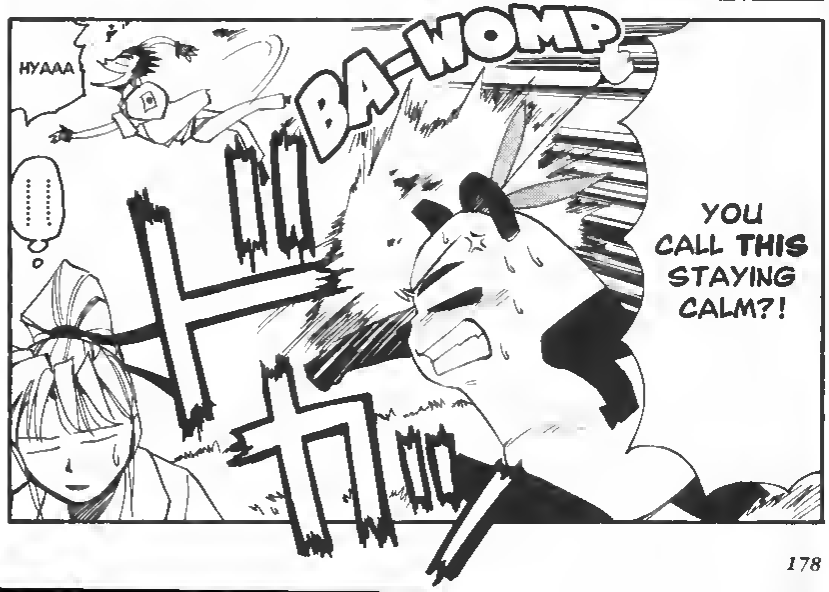
ZZ Z-
SO LONG AS YOU KEEP YOUR CALM LIKE ME, YOU'LL...

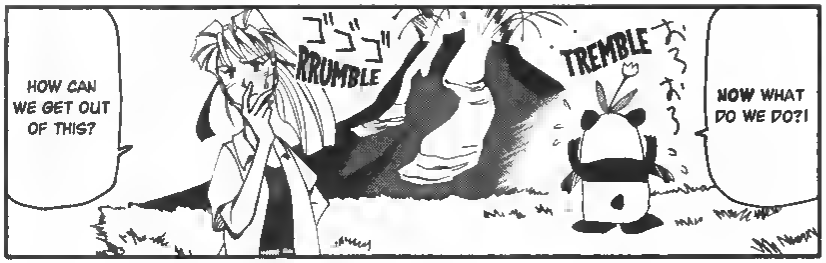

MAYBE THERE'S HOPE FOR US YET.
WELL, HE SEEMS RELAXED.
GULP
HE'S RIGHT. IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO STAY CALM.

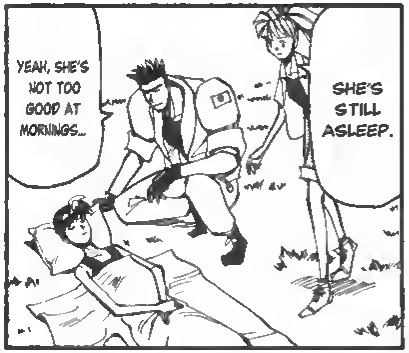

NO WAY!!
ゴゴゴゴゴゴ
RRRUMBLE
YOU MIGHT DREAM OF A STEEP CLIFF.
FWOOORR

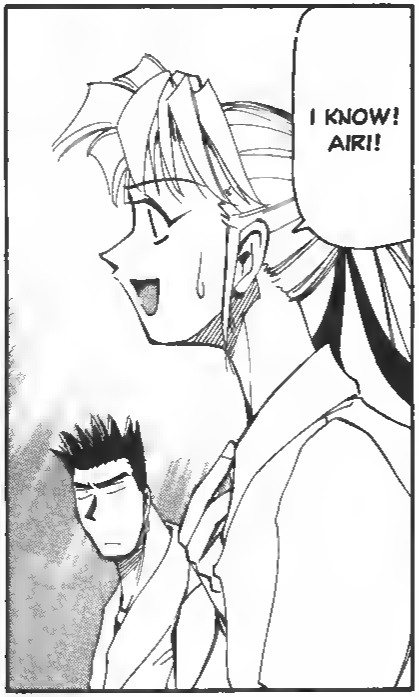

SHOOOM

POOOF


HYAAA
BA-WOMP
YOU CALL THIS STAYING CALM?!

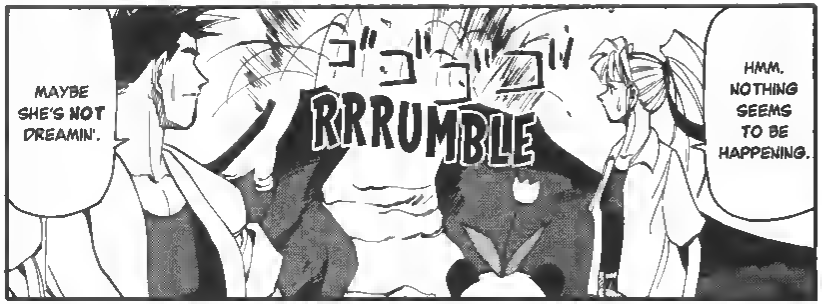

HOW CAN WE GET OUT OF THIS?
RRUMBLE
TREMBLE
NOW WHAT DO WE DO?!


YEAH, SHE'S NOT TOO GOOD AT MORNINGS...
SHE'S STILL ASLEEP.


I KNOW! AIRI!

HOLD IT, JUNPEI! LEAVE HER BE!
AIRI! PLEASE WAKE UP! WE'RE IN TROUBLE!

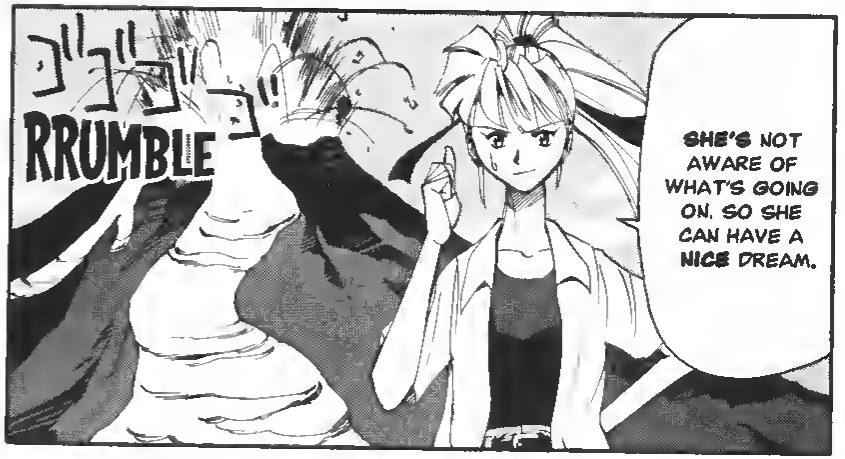
HUH?

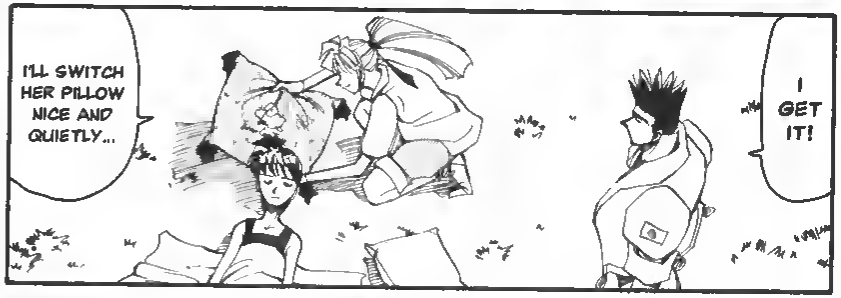

RRRUMBLE
MAYBE SHE'S NOT DREAMIN'.
HMM. NOTHING SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING.

RIGHT!
LET'S WHISPER INTO HER EAR! SHE HAS TO DREAM!
I BET SHE'S IN A DEEP SLEEP.

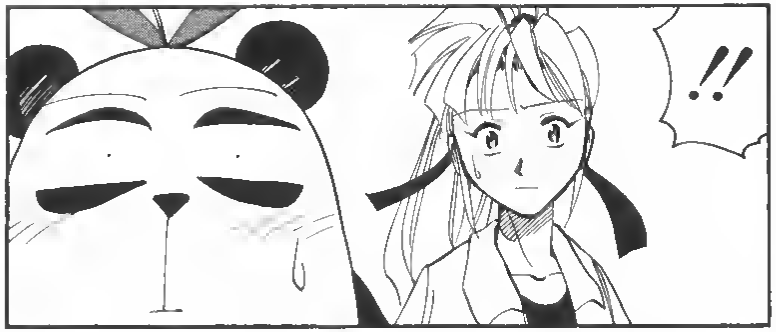
A LARGE SERVING OF BEEF CURRY
I'M BACK TO MY ORIGINAL FORM.
THE VOLCANIC ERUPTION STOPPED.

LET'S HAVE HER DREAM OF ELF HUNTING.
BETTER YET...
HOLD IT. I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING.
WE DON'T NEED CURRY!
GRR
WAIT A MINUTE!


RRUMBLE
SHE'S NOT AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON. SO SHE CAN HAVE A NICE DREAM.


I'LL SWITCH HER PILLOW NICE AND QUIETLY...
I GET IT!

RRRUMBLE
FWOOORR
PLEASE HAVE A NICE DREAM, AIRI!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GETTING BACK IS MY ULTIMATE GOAL.
THEN IT'LL BE GREAT!
B-BUT WHAT'LL YOU DO IF IT WORKS?!

We're running out of time. Go away!
I'M NOT READY YET.
WAIT!
CELCIA.
.....
YES, BUT...

LET'S HAVE HER DREAM OF GOING BACK TO JAPAN!

GOING BACK...
TO JAPAN...
AIRI!
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S RIGHT! WE'RE GOING BACK TO JAPAN!
OH!
DAZED
SHE'S STILL DREAMING
UGH.
NO, NOT YET!
SHE'S AWAKE!

AIRI, PLEASE DREAM OF US GOING BACK TO JAPAN.
PLEASE.
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RRUMBLE
THE LAVA'S ALMOST HERE!
OH NO!
IT'S NOT THAT EASY.
HMPH!
GOING BACK TO JAPAN GOING BACK TO JAPAN, GOING BACK TO JAPAN
AIRI, PLEASE!
.....
GOING BACK TO JAPAN! GOING BACK TO JAPAN! GOING BACK TO JAPAN!
.....!!
JAPAN.
J-

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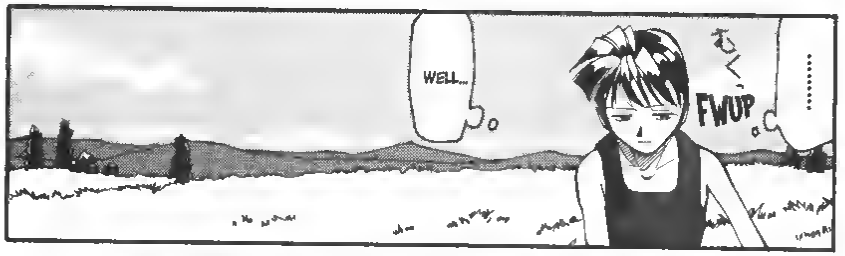
GOOO

WHAT'RE YA TALKIN' ABOUT, CELCIA?
BUT...


WELL...
FWUP
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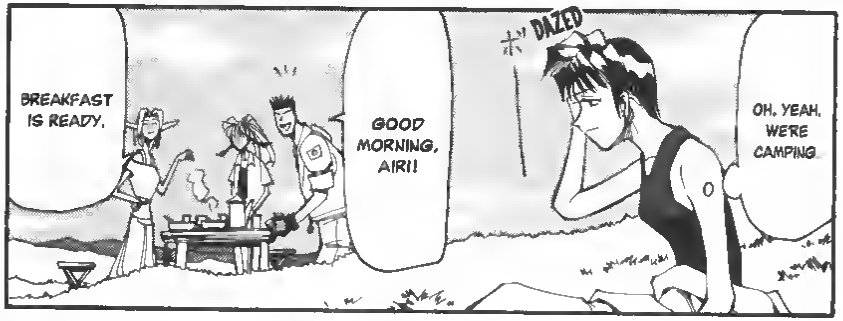
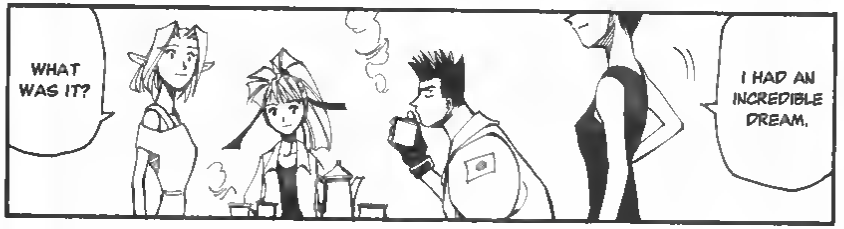

BREAKFAST IS READY.
GOOD MORNING, AIRI!
DAZED
OH, YEAH. WE'RE CAMPING.

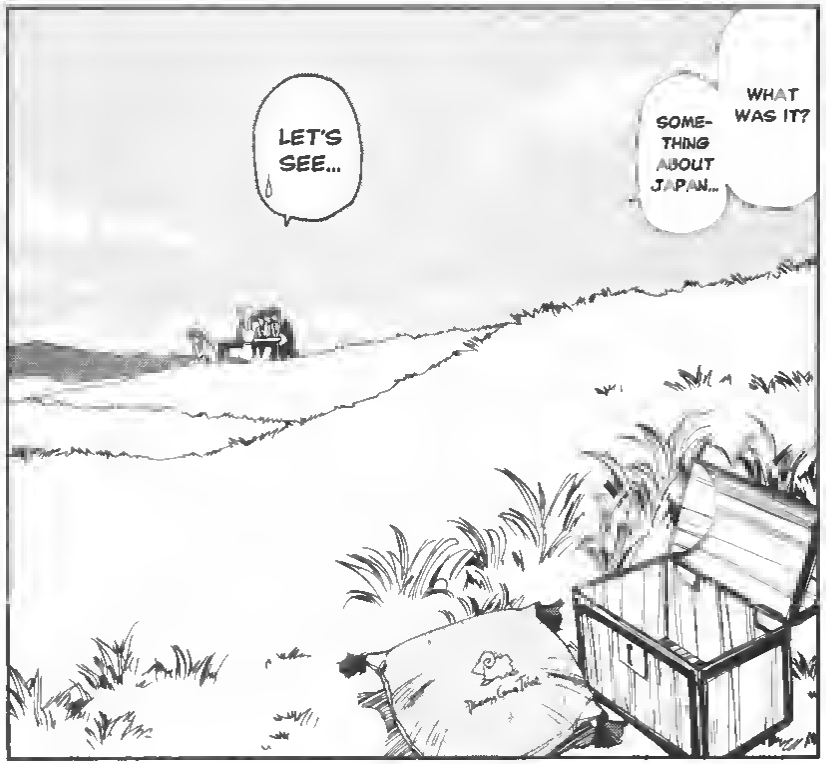

WHAT WAS IT?
I HAD AN INCREDIBLE DREAM.

EVERYONE WAS IN IT.
CELCIA LOOKED LIKE A PANDA, AND THERE WAS A VOLCANO ERUPTING, AND WE WERE AT THE EDGE OF A CLIFF!

AND IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THAT...
STRANGE, HUH?
REALLY?

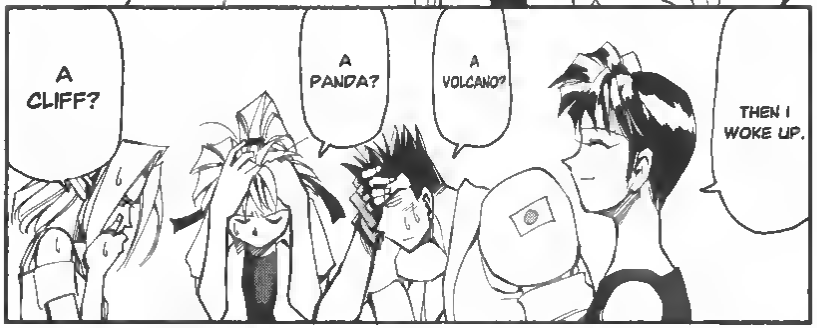
I REALIZED IT WAS JUST A DREAM.

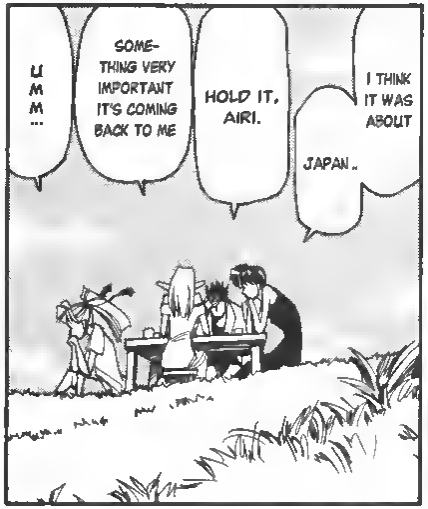
NOTHING BUT A DREAM.


LET'S SEE...
SOME-THING ABOUT JAPAN...
WHAT WAS IT?

A FROG MON-STER!
YAAUGH
WAAA-
THMP
Meanwhile in Japan

GULP


A CLIFF?
A PANDA?
A VOLCANO?
THEN I WOKE UP.


UMM...
SOME-THING VERY IMPORTANT IT'S COMING BACK TO ME
HOLD IT, AIRI.
I THINK IT WAS ABOUT JAPAN..

IT FEELS LIKE I WAS DREAMING OF SOMETHING ELSE.
COME TO THINK OF IT,

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Tattoo

PG 102

The tattoo on the chairman's forehead means "elder brother" or "senior."

Mook

PG 102

A combination of the words "magazine" and "book." It refers to the large, glossy hobby magazines published quarterly in Japan.

Frog monster

PG 193

Unfortunately, this joke simply didn't translate into English. The phrase "Going back to Japan" is in Japanese *nihon ni kaeru*. While kaeru here means to go back, a homonym of *kaeru* means "frog." Thus, Airi dreamed of a frog in Japan rather than going back to Japan.